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REGISTER'S OFFICE,
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{L. S.} Given under the hand and Seal of Office of the Register aforesaid, at New Castle, in New Castle County, aforesaid, the day and year above written.

B. C. FRAIM, REGISTER.

NOTICE.—All persons having claims against the Estate of the deceased must present the same duly attested to the Executor on or before July 20th, 1870, or abide the Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided.

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June 19—y

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Agent for W. H. Wanser,
June 26—tf of New York.

Select Poetry.

THE SPHINX.

Dread warder of an ancient land,
Thou wondrous form of changeless stone,
Reigning o'er leagues of shifting sand,
Unnumbered ages for thy throne;
Pigmies, we gaze and pass away—
I now, Cambyses yesterday.

Dim mem'ries of forgotten things
Haunt those large eyes; the shepherd chiefs,
The victor's crown—the pride of kings,
E'en meaner mortal's lesser griefs;
Canst thou recall old Menes' face?
Hast bowed before Rhodope's grace?

Those grand lack-lustre eyes perchance
Saw Helen like a goddess move;
And Alexander's fateful trance
That ruined Ilion for her love;
Didst hear stern Proteus quick dismiss
The wretch who marred a guest-friend's bliss?

Vain—worse than vain—no word comes through
Thy lips' cold portals. Thou hast seen
The conq'ring Mede, the crafty Jew,
Greek sages, Antony's dark queen;
Is't to their ghosts in yon soft haze
Thou turn'st that everlasting gaze?

Great horns, answer—art thou mute?
Hast no responsive chords for eve,
Like Morn's old vot'ry?—I salute
Thine awful silence. Let me weave
My puny fancies, knowing well
Man may not learn th' inscrutable.

What though thy buried secret sleeps
In far Ogygian seons? Still
The daily sunshine o'er thee creeps,
And so for unknown ages will;
And men shall view thy massive brow,
And marvel at its calm, as now.

Eve's rich glow lingers round thy head,
And lights thy melancholy face,
As loving all its gold to shed
On the last monarch of thy race;
Slow fade the purple tints—farewell!
Deep are thy thoughts—too deep to tell.

Our Olio.

From London Society.

VERY OLD PEOPLE.

Is there any Person more than a Hundred Years Old?

Let us notice, first, some of the alleged facts, and then, the reasons which have suggested incredulity on the subject. A book was published about the beginning of the present century, containing notices of more than seventeen hundred persons reputed to have lived to the age of a hundred or upwards; but the author and compiler was so ready to swallow anything marvelous, so indisposed to cautious inquiry, that we will dismiss him altogether. We will gather a few instances from chronicles, obituaries, and registers of various kinds, sufficient to show the general nature of the belief on this subject.

Popular statements assign the age of 110 to John Locke, who was baptized in 1716 when three years old, and buried at Larling in Norfolk, in 1823; to an old woman at Enniskillen, who was born in 1754, and was alive in 1864; to Philip Luke, who had been a cabin boy under Lord Anson so far back as the time of George I., and was living at Larne, in Ireland, in 1826; and to Mary Ralphson, who followed her soldier-husband to the wars in the time of George II., fought by his side in the uniform of a wounded dragoon who had fallen close to her, and died in 1808 at Liverpool. Then there was Betty Roberts, who was born at Northop, in Flintshire, in 1749, and was living at Liverpool, in 1859, with a brisk young fellow of 80 as her son. The age of 111 has been claimed for John Craig, who fought at Sheriffmuir in 1715; and died at Kilmarnock in 1793; and for the Rev. Richard Lufkin, who died at Ufford, in Suffolk, in 1678, and who preached a sermon the very Sunday before his death. Concerning the age of 111, there was Toney Proctor, who was a negro servant to an English officer at Quebec, so far back as 1759, and yet lived to see the year 1855; and there was Isabel Walker, who died in 1774, and whose engraved portrait is in the Museum of the Antiquarian Society at Perth. But a more curious instance was that which was connected with a convivial meeting held at a tavern in the metropolis in 1788, to celebrate the centenary of the revolution of 1688; an old man said he was 112 years old, and remembered the revolution as having occurred when he was a lad; of course his *convives* chaired him in triumph. The age of 113 is claimed for Michael Boyne, who died at Armagh in 1776; Mrs. Gilliam, who died at Aldersgate street in 1761; a man in whose memory a tombstone was put up in Roche Abbey Church, in 1734, and whose son lived to be 109; and the Rev. Patrick Machell Vivian, Vicar of Lesbury, near Alnwick, who was born in 1546, and wrote a letter in 1657 (when 111 years old), in which he said, "I was never of a fat, but a slender mean habit of body." Two other instances are William Carter who had been a sergant in the army, and who died in 1768; and Patrick Grant, a veteran of the Battle of Culloden, who survived till 1824. If we want evidence of the age of 114, we are referred to a tombstone in Mucross Abbey, Killarney, which bears the epitaph "erected by Daniel Shine, in memory of his father, Owen Shine, who departed this life, April 6th, 1847, 114 years. Pray for him."

We now go on to another group of five years. What say the advocates of 115? Nothing that we need dwell upon here; but among those of whom had been claimed the age of 116 years, we find Robert Pooles, who died at Tyross, in Armagh, in 1742; John Lyon, whose death took place at Bandon, in 1761; and Mrs Mary Power, aunt of the late Right Hon. Richard Lalor Sheeil. David Kerrison, a soldier of the American Revolution, died at Albany, in 1852, at the age of 117; which was also the age claimed for Donald McGregor, a Skye farmer in the last century. Mr. John Riva, stockbroker, died in 1771, at the age of 118, having been accustomed to walk to office till within a few days of his death; and if the parish register of Irthington, Northumberland, is to be relied upon, of similar age was Robert Bowman, when he died in 1829. In a hospital at Moscow, there was an old man, who was wont to say that he enlisted in the Russian army in the time of Peter the Great; if so, he could hardly have been less than 119 at the time when an English traveler visited him a few years ago. Mr. Sneyd, in 1833, saw a gaunt, large-limbed, exceedingly wrinkled old woman at Lanslebourg, in Savoy, who said she was born in 1714, and remembered events that took place in 1721.

Of course when we come to ages between 120 and 130, we must not expect the instances to be very numerous; but let us jot down a few from various authorities. The age of 120 has been claimed for Ursual Chicken (what a chicken!) who died at Holderness in 1722; William Jugail, a faithful old servant of the Webster family, at Battle Abbey, in Sussex, who died in 1798, and to whom a monument was erected in Battle church-yard; Mr. Charles Cottrell, who died at Philadelphia in 1761, leaving a wife (aged 115), to whom he had been married ninety-eight years; and a Duchess of Bucclough, who (according to a volume published by the Rev. John Dun, of Auchinlech) had "lived twenty years a maiden, fifty years a wife and fifty years a widow," and died in 1728. *Blackwood's Magazine* spoke in 1821 of a Mr. Charles Leyne, who had just died at the age of 121 in the United States, having lived there under four British sovereigns before the rupture in 1774; he left a widow, who was one of the lions of New York, at the time of the International Exhibition of 1853 in that city, was said to be 124 years old; but we do not know whether this was one of Mr. Barnum's wonders. The Bodlein Library contains a news-letter of June 1, 1724, in which is a paragraph to the effect, that, as the courtiers were going to St. James, to be presented to George I., they were attracted by a venerable woman, who stated herself to be 124 years old; she had kept a shop at Kendal during the Civil Wars in the days of Charles I., and was the mother of nine children at the time the unfortunate monarch was executed (1649). An epitaph in All Saints' Church, Northanton, celebrates the name of a person who died in 1706, at the age of 126. A "History of Virginia," which gives a tough list of very aged persons in that state, includes the name of Wonder Booker, a slave who received the first of these two names because he was a wonder; he worked in his master's garden till 117 years old, and died in 1819 at the age of 126, having been born in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Owen Tuder, who boasted of being descended from Henry VII, died at Llangollen, 1771, at the age of 127. This was also recorded as the age of John Newell, who died at Michaelstown, 1761; he claimed to be the grandson of the celebrated old Parr (of whom we shall speak presently). The *Gentleman's Magazine* in 1772, recorded the death of Mr. Abraham Strodtman, at the age of 128. London claimed to have an inhabitant of the same age in 1724, in the person of Mrs. Jane Skrimshaw.

Another decade, embracing ages between 130 and 140, is not without its records in the pages of country histories and antiquarian publications. William Beatty, a soldier who had fought at the Battle of the Boyne, in 1690, died in 1774, at the age of 130. Peter Garden figures in an engraving contained in the Perth Museum as having died in 1775, at the age of 131. Mrs. Keith, who died at Newnham, in 1772, at the age of 133, left behind her three dauthters, one of whom was a fair damsel of 109. Louis Mutel, a free negro in St. Lucia, was reputed to be 135 years old when he died in 1851; although he married so late in life as 55, he survived that event eighty years. *Stillman's Journal* mentions one Henry Francisco in a more circumstancial manner than is usual in this class of records. He was born in 1686, left France in 1691, witnessed the coronation of Queen Anne in 1702, fought under Marlborough, then went to America, was wounded and taken prisoner during the American war, and was living near Albany in 1822, at the age of 136. The venerable age 138 is put down for John M'Donagh, who died at Ennis, in Ireland, in 1769.

We may well suppose that the lives of seven score must be few and far between, even when credulity comes to our aid. A parish register at Eventon, Bedfordshire, mentions the Rev. Thomas Rudyard vicar of that parish, as having died at the age of 140 during the reign of Charles II. A negro named Easter, is set down as having attained a like age in 1854. But the most famous instance was that of the Countess of Desmond—a subject of much and eager controversy. Whether such a person ever lived at all, and whether if she lived, there is really trustworthy evidence of her age, are questions which have been treated at full in no less important a work than the *Quarterly Review*. The popular account, at all events, is, that she was born in the second half of the fifteenth century; that she married the Earl of Desmond in Edward IV.'s time; that she had three complete dentitions or sets of natural teeth during her long career; that she appeared at the court of James I. in 1614; and that she was wont to go to market on foot almost down to the day of her death at the age of 140.

But we have now to speak of venerable persons who are claimed to have exceeded the longevity even of the tough old Countess. A slab on the floor of Abbey Dore Church, Herefordshire, records the death of Elizabeth Lewis, 1715, at the age of 141; and the parish register of Frodsham, in Cheshire, contains the name of Thomas Hough, who if the Roman numerals are correct (CXLI), died at the same age. During a celebrated heraldic contest in 1385, between Lord Scrope and Sir Robert Grosvenor, it became important to obtain the oldest available living testimony concerning the holding of certain titles and insignia; and among the witnesses brought forward were Sir John Sully, aged 105, and especially John Thirwall, an esquire of Northumberland, aged 145. Whether the judges had any doubt of the correctness of this alleged age we are not told. There are, considering the circumstances, remarkably full details concerning another veteran of 145, named Christian Jacobson Drachenberg. He was born in Sweden, in 1627, lived chiefly as a sailor till 1694, and was then made a captive by Barbary corsairs. Being kept as a slave till 1710, he made his escape, and served again as a seaman till 1717, when he was 91 years old. At the age of 106, being indignant at incredulity expressed concerning his age, he walked a long distance on purpose to procure a certificate of the year of his birth. In 1735, he was presented to the king of Denmark, and in 1737, he married—a brisk bridegroom of 109 to a blooming widow of 60! He walked about in the town of Aarhuus in 1759, at the age of 133; but his eyelids hung down so completely over his eyes that he could not see. Thirteen more years were in store for him, seeing that he did not die till 1772, when he had completed his 145th year. The case was considered sufficently important to deserve a place in Mr. Charles Night's 'English Cyclopædia,' where there is an article on 'Branchenberg,' attributed to one of the most trustworthy of our literary men. In Boate and Molyneux's 'Natural History of Ireland,' a notice occurs of Mr. Eckelson, who was born in 1548, and died at Philipstown, in 1696, figures which, if correct, denote an age of 148.

The number 150 is rather a suspicious one in these matters; for being what is called a 'round' number, persons are often tempted to use it without much regard to strict accuracy. Francis Consit, who had been a burden to the parish of Malton, during great part of his life, was said to be 150 when he died, in 1768. Lywarch Hen (a Welshman apparently) had the same age imputed to him; as had likewise Sir Ralph Vernon, who was born towards the end of the thirteenth century, and lived nearly to the middle of the fifteenth. If the parish register of Minshull, in Cheshire, which says that one Thomas Damme lived to sevenscore and forteen years," is correct, this looks very much like the 154. The most celebrated personage, however, who exceeded 150 years was that renowned Old Parr, who always seems to be making and taking "life pills," and whose portraits seem intended to show how vigorous and venerable we shall all become if we will only take the pills in question. The testimony as to Thomas Parr's age seems to be tolerably complete. He was born in Shropshire, in 1483, remained a batchelor till 80 years old, married in 1563, lived with his first wife thrity-two years, became a widower in 1595, married again in 1603, when he was 120 years old, and lived to see the year 1635. In that year the Earl of Arundel visited him, and was so struck with his appearance as to invite him to come to his town mansion. The old man found this lionizing too much for him; he was brougt by very easy stages in a litter to London, with an "antique-faced merry-andrew" to keep him cheerful on the way; but the fatigue, the crowds of visitors who came to him, and the luxuries which were pressed upon him in London, carried him off at the wonderful age of 152. He was buried on November 15th, at Westminster Abbey, where a monument was erected to his memory. When presented on one occasion to Charles I., the monarch said to him, "You have lived longer than other men; what have you done more than other men?" To which Parr replied, "I did penance when I was a hundred years old." The truth even went beyond this statement; for he was guilty of a peccadillo when a hundred and five years of age, and did penance in a white sheet at the door of the parish church of Atterbury, his native village.

Shall we go beyond eight score? Let us see. There was one John Hoven, who died in 1741, at the alleged age of 172, and who left a widow destined to live to her 164th year. There was Tairville, who, if Martin's "Description of the Western Isles" is to be relied on, died in the Shetland Isles at the age of 180. There was Peter Torton, who gained renown in 1724, at having survived till 185; and there was Jane Britton, who, as we are informed by the parish register of Evercrick, in Somerset, for 1588, "was a maiden as she affirmed, of 200 years." Leaving this blushing maiden and her compeers, we may observe that the only well-authenticated case (if it is authenticated) of eight score and upwards, was that of Henry Jenkins. He was born in the year 1501. When a boy he carried a horse-load of arrows to Northallerton to be employed by the English army in resisting the invasion by James IV. of Scotland; and lived to see the year 1670, when he died at Ellerton-upon-Swale, in Yorkshire, at the age of 169.

Now what are we to think of all these alleged cases of extreme old age? The grounds on which skepticism has been expressed concerning them are numerous. It has been pointed out that most of the instances are among the humbler classes of Scotch, Irish, and negroes, where formal entries are but little attended to. The middle and upper classes, among whom authentic records are more plentiful, take but a small part in the marvels of longevity. "Can actuaries," it is asked, "refer us to a single instance of an assured person living to a hundred and forty, thirty, twenty, ten, aye, to one hundred and ten?" The legal evidence is almost always deficient. If an entry of birth or baptism is found in a family Bible there is no proof that it was written at the time of the event or that the dates were correctly set down. In one case a clergyman, investigating an alleged instance of centenarianism, found that the Bible which contained the entry was only sixty years old, and that no other testimony was forthcoming.

Registers of birth were not formally used and legally established till after the year 1830; all such registers before that date were voluntary and therefore uncertain. Even parish registers are not always reliable, for many of them, giving the year of death, mention the age of the deceased but do not name the year of birth, so that there are not two dates to correct each other.

Sometimes tombstones are re-chiseled to restore the half-decayed epitaphs, and then the village mason puzzled at some of the partially-obliterated figures, makes a guess at them, and puts in the date or the age which seems to him nearest the original. There is a tombstone in Conway churchyard, recording the fact that Lowry Owens Vaughan, died in 1766, at the age of 192, and that her husband, Wm. Vaughan, died in 1735, at the age of 72. Now a recent observer of the tombstone has remarked that the lady must (if this be true) have been nearly a hundred years old when William Vaughan married her; and as the figures on the stone have a rather freshly-cut appearance, he prefers the supposition that 192 was an incorrect re-cutting of an earlier incision. The Worcester Chronicle, 1852, drew attention to a tombstone in Cleve Prior churchyard, which recorded the death of a person at the startling age of 309; this is supposed to have been an ignorant mason's way of expressing 39, that is 30 and 9—a kind of error not unfrequent among the humbler classes. The Times noticed in 1848, that the register of Shoreditch parish contained an entry of Thomas Cam, who died in 1788, at the age of 207, having lived in 12 reigns. An investigator afterwards pointed out that Sir Henry Ellis, in his "History of Shoreditch," put down the age at 107; and an examination of the register elicited the fact that 'I' had been altered to '2' quite recently by some mischievous person who probably wished to poke fun at the antiquaries. Instances of the following kind are known to have occurred. A young married couple have a son whom they name John, and who dies in infancy; twenty years afterwards another son receives the similiar name of John; and then, in neighbors gossip eighty years afterwards, one John becomes confounded with the other, and a man really eighty years old figures in popular repute as a centenarian. Some aged persons like to be considered older than they are, on account of the celebrity it gives; and they do not shrink from a few "crammers" to bring this about.

The Rev. Mr. Fletcher, as he was called, who was first a farmer, then a soldier, then employed in the West India Docks, and then a Methodist local preacher, used to say that he was over a hundred years old; he drew great crowds to hear such a phenomenon preach. He probably believed himself to be as old as he said, and at his death his age was recorded as 108; but a subsequent investigation showed that he was much less instead of much more than a centenarian. The writer of this paper knew of an old woman many years ago who obtained notoriety for being, in her own words, a "hundert all but two," and for being able to hold a sixpence horizontally between her nose and chin; but he doubts whether there was any evidence of her age beyond her own assertion.

There can be no question that this kind of incredulity renders service, in so far as it induces careful examination into the testimony for alleged facts of longevity. Nevertheless centenarianism (and a few years beyond the even hundred) rest on too many and too varied data to be quite overthrown.

TWO HEROES.—Before the recent rebellion, Col. W——, met there some hot-blooded Southerner, with a spirit as fiery as his own. They quarrelled—a challenge was passed and accepted, and the next rising sun was to witness one, if not both, of their dead bodies, drenched in blood, to wash out wounded honor. During the night, the colonel said he heard a boat coming up the river, and it struck him, as he heard the boat puffing and blowing, that "prudence was the better part of valor." So he took his trunk upon his shoulder, and stepped, in the dead of the night, very quietly out of the hotel. As he neared the boat, whom should he see but his antagonist, at the boat before him, just going on board? He returned as he had gone out, and was on the ground next morning, with his second, waiting, with disappointed wrath, for his antagonist, and published him as an absconding scoundrel.

GIANT CLOVER.—We are informed by a friend of undoubted veracity that, on a three acre lot belonging to Mr. Otho Ridgeway, in the Fork, in this county, the average height of the clover, when standing erect, was between five and six feet, and a large number of stalks that he measured reached six feet two inches.—*Warren Sentinel.*

How Smith asked the Old Man.

If any of our beaux have the least difficulty in asking the old man, they may find a lesson as to how the thing is done in the following:

Smith had just asked Mr. Thompson's daughter if she would have him, and she had said "Yes."

It therefore became absolutely necessary to get the old gentleman's consent.

Smith said he'd rather pop the interrogatory to all of old Thompson's daughters, and the whole of his female relations, than ask old Thompson. But it had to be done, and so he sat and studied out a speech which he was to disgorge at old Thompson, the very first time he got a shy at him. So Smith dropped in on him one Sunday evening when all the family were out.

"How are you Smith?" said old Thompson, as the former walked in, white as a piece of chalk, and trembling with confusion. Smith was afraid to answer, 'cause he wasn't sure about that speech. He knew he had to keep his grip on it while he had it there, or it would slip from him. So he blurted out—

"Mr. Thompson, sir: Perhaps it may not be known to you, that during an extended period of some five years, I have been busily engaged in the prosecution of a commercial enterprise—"

"Is that so, and keepin' it a secret all this time, while I thought you were tendin' store? Well, Smith, you're one of them, ain't you?"

Smith had been put out and, begun to think it all over again, to get the run of it.

"Mr. Thompson, sir: Perhaps it may not be known to you, that during the extended period of five years, I have been busily engaged in the prosecution of a commercial enterprise, with the determination to secure a sufficient maintenance—"

"Sit down, Smith, and help yourself to beer. Don't stand there holdin' your hat like a blind beggar, with paralysis. I never have seen you behave yourself so queer in my born days."

Smith had been knocked out again, and so he had to wander back again and take a fresh start.

"Mr. Thompson, sir: It may not be known to you, that during an extended period of five years, I have been engaged in the prosecution of a commercial enterprise, with the determination to procure a sufficient maintenance—"

"A which ance?" asked old Thompson; but Smith held on to the last word as if it was his only chance, and went on:

"In the hope that some day I might enter wedlock and bestow my earthly possessions upon one whom I could call my own. I have been a lonely man, sir, and have felt that it was not good for man to be alone; therefore I would—"

Neither is it, Smith; I'm glad you dropped in. How's the old man?"

Mr. Thompson, sir," said Smith, in despairing confusion, raising his voice to a yell, "it may not be known to you that, during an extended period of a lonely man, I have been engaged to enter wedlock, and bestowed all my enterprise on one I could determine to be good for certain possessions—no, I mean—that is—that—Mr. Thompson, sir; it may not be unknown—"

"And, then, again, it may. Look here, Smith, you'd better lay down and take something warm—you ain't well."

Smith, sweating like a four year old colt, went in again.

"Mr. Thompson, sir: It may not be lonely to you to prosecute me whom you a friend, for a commercial maintenance but—but—ch—dang it—Mr. Thompson, sir: It—"

"Oh, Smith, you talk like a fool. I never seen such a first class idiot in the course of my whole life. What's the matter with you, anyhow?"

"Mr. Thompson, sir," said Smith, in an agony of bewilderment, "it may not be known that you prosecuted a lonely man who is not good for a commercial period of wedlock for five years, but—"

"See here Mr. Smith, you're drunk, and if you can't behave better than that, you'd better leave.

"Mr. Thompson, sir," said Smith, frantic with despair, "it may not be known to you that my earthly possessions are engaged to enter wedlock five years with a sufficiently lonely man, who is not good for a commercial maintenance—"

"The deuce he isn't. Now you jist git up and git, or I'll knock what little brains out of you you've got left."

With that, old Thompson took Smith and shot him into the street as if he'd run him against a locomotive, going out at the rate of forty miles an hour. Before old Thompson had time to shut the front door Smith collected his legs and one thing and another that were lying around on the pavement, arranged himself in a vertical position, and yelled out:

"Mr. Thompson, sir: It may not be known to you"—which made the old man so mad that he went out and set a bull terrier on Smith before he had a chance to lift a brogan, and there was a scientific dog fight, with the odds in favor of the dog.

A correspondent states that for some seven years his chickens have been kept free from lice by strewing small branches or sprays of cedar about the henery. Previous to the use of this simple remedy, they were badly infested. No whitewashing or other means to expel vermin have been used.

Josh Billings says that if a man proposes to serve the Lord, he likes to see him do it when he measures corn as well as when he shouts hallelujah.

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SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 21, 1869.

A Trip by Rail,—Townsend to Millington.

An Editor on the wing.—What he saw and what he heard by the way.—Taking down the Bars to let the Train pass.—Peach Shippers behind time.—A man lays hold of the Train to detain it.—A laughable incident.

We passed over the new Rail Road between these points, on Wednesday. The greater part of the upper section of the road, between Townsend and Morris Station, runs through forest. But a very few years only will be necessary to transmute this forest into fertile and well cultivated fields. We had not proceeded far before the train came to a halt, and on looking ahead to see what occasioned the detention, we found the men on the train taking down the bars which a cautious colored man will insist on putting up after the train passes in order to protect his little patch of corn. The conductor good naturedly remarked "he'll have to stop that," and then we were off again. The first station we come to is Vandyke's, the next Morris Station; then, leaving the forest behind us, we emerge into a fine open plateau, studded with beautiful farm houses and garnished with luxuriant fields, having Massey's in the distance. On the right is Mr. Wm. Cacey's, and in the distance the fine farms of David C. Blackiston, and others, the range of vision sweeping over, in that direction, to the Head of Sassafras. From Massey's we speed over a well-constructed section of the Queen Anne's and Kent Rail Road to Millington. At every station cars were being loaded, with peaches and other produce, and wagons and horses and drivers, hurrying to and fro, some gathering up empty peach baskets, others bringing up wagon loads of luscious fruit. There was quite a crowd at Massey's, but a larger one at Millington, and the bustling activity correspondingly greater, of course. There we found Col. Lemuel Roberts, of Queen Anne's, who had the honor of breaking the first ground at Millington, where the road was commenced, in February, 1868. He had just driven up in his carriage with a lady passenger. We also met Mr. Richard Millington, P. McNeil Thomas, Lewis Price, and many other old friends and acquaintances. The whistle of the first locomotive had actually waked up, some days previously, the gentlemen of leisure who were wont to assemble at Uncle Boyer's, to while away the time and shake their heads dubiously at the prospect of a Rail Road. And there were the sturdy farmers of the surrounding country, sending off peaches and other produce; and there were bustling agents and quiet citizens, and a bevy of pretty young girls with their attendant beaux, taking leave of visitors, who were departing by the same conveyance in which they had arrived a few days before. What a convenience is a Rail Road! Our train had been delayed, and we had time only for a few hasty greetings and hand-shakings with old friends and acquaintances, before the whistle sounded, the conductor shouted "all aboard!" and we were again "homeward bound," whirling over the beautiful and fertile campagna which stretches out in every direction between Millington and Massey's. The work of laying the track, on the Kent Rail Road, was commenced on Monday, and will be pushed on, now, as rapidly as possible, towards Kennedyville. The foundation of a new frame station-house has been laid at Massey's, 21 by 48 feet, and a depot is also to be built, 24 by 51 feet. A new era is about to dawn upon this place. From a quiet little country village, it is likely soon to become a place of some note as the junction of the Kent Rail Road, the Queen Anne's and Kent, and the Townsend Branch of the Delaware Rail Road. Leaving Massey's and its massive farmers, we came to Morris Station. Here we found Alexander Wilson, Esq. from the Sassafras River, loading a car with peaches. He and Mr. Morris, with about a dozen men were working like beavers, but although our train was 30 minutes behind time their car was not loaded, and as the conductor backed in upon the switch, and coupled their car, "hold on!" resounded from half a dozen voices, and as many peach baskets borne in the arms of men followed the retreating train down the switch. One man actually laid hold of the car to hold it back. All were got in, however, and as the train whirled away from the station the bystanders waved their hats and cheered. You must make better time, friend Wilson. Rail Road *trains, like time* and tide, wait for no man. The country people along the line of the road haven't "got the hang of the thing" yet; but they will soon learn to be "on time." We rattled down the road towards Townsend, making the connection with the 2.20 train going north, bringing with us twenty passengers from the different stations, seven car loads of peaches from Millington, three from Massey's, and one from Morris Station, eleven in all. Good for the branch road.

Yesterday was a regular scorcher. The mercury went up somewhere toward the top of the tube, but we did not attempt to look what the register indicated.

America Germanized—The Effects of Emigration.

It is not our purpose to elaborate this theme, or to trace out the many effects of emigration upon this young and growing country of ours, which owes its very existence, as a component part of the civilized world, and its wonderful development since its discovery, to emigration. But what we mean to do, is, to point out a few, only, of the effects of emigration, as manifested in the habits of our people. Our citizens have always been jealous of foreign influence but it has stolen in upon us nevertheless. Some one, we think it was Mr. Jefferson, wished that a gulf of fire rolled between us and the monarchies of Europe, for he thought that their influence upon us as a people was pernicious and not at all desirable. Mr. Jefferson was a clear-headed, far-seeing man, but he was not infallible—he was not altogether right in this matter, though right in part. It was about the time that French influence was supposed to predominate in this country, that he is said to have made this remarkable declaration. We have in turn, been submitted to British influence, French influence, and lastly, to German influence; and this latter is the prevailing influence of the present day. How shall we make this clear to the reader? Let us endevor to do so by pointing out a few facts in support of our assertion. We are completely Germanized, as a nation, in many respects, and this state of things has been brought about chiefly by our increased intercourse with the several German powers. Our trade, our travel, has greatly increased with our Teutonic brethren. Until the past year, they have outnumbered any other people who have come to make their homes amongst us. Their language is taught in our schools; their songs are sung by our vocalists; their music resounds from our pianos; their dances are practiced by our sons and daughters; their festivals and pastimes are being adopted; their lager is becoming the prevailing beverage; the slouch felt hat, is German; the saque coat is German; the tobacco-pouch and pipe, are German. Thus it is seen that we have become completely Germanized in all these particulars. Much of our literature is German, and German ideas and sentiments are growing more and more in vogue amongst us. The change has been gradual, and scarcely marked by the unobservant, but it has come; and in these respects we are a German people.

Editorial Excursion.

The Maryland Editors, realizing the truth of the old saw, that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy"—started on the 6th inst. from Baltimore for an excursion to Jordan's White Sulphur Springs, Frederick county, Va. The party consisted of twenty-four in number, and was made up from all parts of the State. John W. Garrett, Esq. President of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, placed two cars at their disposal, under the superintendance of Mr. Potts, his private Secretary, an act of courtesy and liberality which was very gracefully acknowledged by the gentlemen of the Press in a series of resolutions drawn up and adopted by them on the route. Mr. Jordan, proprietor of the Springs, very generously and cordially extended to them the freedom of the Springs without fee or reward, and his kind hospitality was warmly acknowledged in the resolutions aforesaid. The trip was a delightful one, throughout; leaders and locals were laid aside, for the time being; radicals and conservatives dropped the tomahawk and scalping-knife and the calumet went round. There was a welling up of the better and kindlier feelings of the heart and a mingling together as of one common brotherhood. These results are but a part of the benefits springing directly from the Editorial Association in Maryland. It would be well if the representatives of the press in every State would organize a like Association.

To-day, at 11 o'clock, A. M. D. James Blackiston, Esq. will sell at Head of Sassafras, a fine Farm of 175 acres, located in that flourishing neighborhood, adjoining the productive lands of David C. Blackiston and R. Thomas Cochran, Esqs. and but a short distance from a Rail Road Station on the Townsend & Massey's Branch. Peach Growers of Delaware, do you intend to let this bargain slip through your fingers? Here is a fine opportunity to plant another orchard, and there is already an orchard of 1500 peach trees, and an orchard of 300 apple trees, both in full bearing on the farm. Land in all that region will be worth $200 per acre, in less than ten years, for fruit and vegetables, and you can find no better investment.

The Delaware and Peninsula Agricultural Fair, will be held at Wilmington on the 15th, 16th and 17th of September. We trust that our farmers will vie with each other in making this the most important exhibition of the kind ever held in this State. See the announcement in the proper place.

Dan Rice is building a barn at Girard, Pennsylvania, which will cost $20,000.

To Correspondents.—A letter from our young friend at Springfield, Illinois, in relation to the eclipse, reached us too late. We shall be pleased to hear from him again.

The author of the Enigma who subscribes the signature of "Low Bridge," forgot to append his name. Will he comply with our rule in this particular? The author of another Enigma by one "Qualified to Linger," is in the same category. We shall be pleased to publish, but must first have the name.

We will commence, next week, a beautiful original story, from the pen of one of our ablest contributors, entitled "The Strange Italian," to be completed in two numbers.

The present year, 1869, will long be remembered as the great fruit year. Nothing like it has occurred within the memory of our oldest inhabitants.

Correspondence of the Middletown Transcript.

Near Middletown, Aug. 13th, 1869.

Mr. Editor,—*Dear Sir;*—In the earlier stage of the peach crop, we were kept posted from week to week through the columns of the Transcript, in regard to the prospect of the crop, by puffs of the great quantity of peaches grown upon small twigs, &c. particularly by my friends, B. T. Biggs and Samuel Townsend, Esqrs. from their orchards in Somerset and Queen Anne's counties Maryland, both gentlemen of excellent judgement, great energy and enterprise in anything they may undertake. Now, Mr. Editor, as your columns are open to all, inviting those who wish to use them in a respectful manner, to do so, I thought I would give you a brief account of my peach crop, embracing only my first variety (Troth's Early,) I did not suppose after having two hail storms upon my trees, that I should have had so good a yield, nor do I now suppose that a plain man like myself will be able to cope with gentlemen so distinguished as my friends above named. I never estimate by the twig, but by the basket, that being the only true method of estimating quantities and value, but I am very sorry to say that the value has been very small in the present case with peaches, freight and commissions absorbing nearly the whole amount. Now for the quantity I picked from one hundred and fifty trees—Eight hundred and thirty-nine baskets of prime peaches, besides a great many baskets of culls, of which I kept no account, but our shipping book in the possession of A. T. Bradley, Esq. will show the number shipped. I shall commence my Yorks on Saturday or Monday next, and I think *Lehigh will do a little better.*

Mr. Editor—I am not in the habit of blowing my own trumpet or sounding my own praise, but while upon the subject of the products of the farm I will give you an account of my little wheat crop, and perhaps I may draw forth an estimate from my friends of the peach twigs or any others who may be willing to give their experiments to the public. My field contained thirty-two acres, on which I drilled with the celebrated Hamilton drill two bushels of wheat and two hundred lbs. of Moro Phillips' Phosphate per acre, twenty-five bushels per acre measure was obtained, twelve acres, a part of the same field, produced four hundred and twenty-five bushels in round numbers; the ground seeded was corn ground and the strips upon which the corn was shocked was seeded very late and did not come until late in February or the first of March.

Respectfully Yours, &c.

William Simkins.

Correspondence of the Middletown Transcript.

Millington, Aug. 20th, 1869.

Mr. Vanderford, *Dear Sir*:—Having a few leisure moments, I will endeavor to give you a few lines which may be of interest to you. Millington is at present alive with the peach trade: it begins already to look as if the R. R. had put new life in the people of this county. Wagons are coming far and near with peaches. We are running on an average about five cars loaded with fruit daily from this station. For a long time Millington has been under a heavy drag as if nothing could move her, but the whistle of the iron horse has put new life in the whole community, and you see people coming in every direction to welcome it. We have been wondering if we ever would have the advantage of a good market for trade from this place, and now we have it; we can put our produce on the cars today and it is in New York to be opened for the next morning's market. Besides, it gives those who have not enough to ship, a chance to sell at fair prices, for if they have but one basket of fruit they can get sale here and go on their way rejoicing. The mercantile trade seems to be looking up here. Money has been very scarce, but we begin to see and to feel the effects of the peach crop. There have been some crops sold here at 35 to 45 cents a basket, and I must not forget to mention that the fruit of this neighborhood is very good, and shows that the growers have taken some interest in getting it ready for market. The Rail Road is still in progress under Mr. George tearns, and is laid a little over a mile below this place; it is supposed they will be as far as Sudlersville by the 1st of September.

The Southern Methodists are having an interesting camp meeting at Black's woods, about four miles from this place, and will probably continue it until some time next week. Dr. Sudler had a very fine horse and carriage stolen from him on the camp ground on Wednesday evening. He has not recovered them yet.

Messrs. Mallalieu & Bro. are still at work in their large woollen factory, and give employment to a large number of hands. A new Southern Methodist Church is being built here, and several new dwelling houses are going up.

Yours, Respectfully,

J. H. T.

Royal Visitors.—The United States will be visited this year by two of the representatives of Europe's royalty, being no less personages than Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburg and second son of Queen Victoria, and the Empress Eugenie, of France. The latter will travel *in cog*, as Eugenie Moutijo, her maiden name before she became the wife of the "Nephew of his Uncle. We hope for the good name of our country that it will not be called upon to witness such exhibitions of flunkyism as it did on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' visit to this country some years ago. But of course shoddy will throw open its doors to Eugenie, aristocracy whimper and smile, and the whole fashionable world bow down and pay her homage.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Fine Peach Orchards—Convenience of Shipping.—Being out on furlough, on Wednesday, by way of brief respite from business, we dropped down the Delaware Rail Road, as far as Townsend, and at the invitation of Mr. Samuel Townsend, embraced the opportunity of viewing his fine orchards, and also the process of picking, culling, and shipping peaches. Mr. Townsend has two orchards, comprising 22,000 trees, of every variety grown by the horticulturists of this State. His trees are large, vigorous, and as full as they can hold, and are bent down to the earth with the weight of their luscious fruit. Among other varieties he has about 1,100 trees of Rives' Favorite, ten years old, which will give him over 4,000 baskets. From many of the larger trees he expects to pick from twelve to fifteen baskets per tree, and the fruit is large, perfect, and of exquisite flavor. This is a somewhat rare variety, which brings an extra price in the New York market. Mr. Townsend has 53 hands at work, picking, culling, and packing. Pickers and cullers get $1.50 per day, boarding themselves.

From Mr. Samuel Townsend's, we rode over to Mr. John Townsend's, whose farm is contiguous. He has an orchard of 10,000 trees, in full bearing and employs 26 hands in picking, culling and packing. In addition to the other varieties, Mr. Townsend has 200 trees of the variety known as the Mountain Rose, a very rich, juicy, and beautifully colored peach, sweet enough to dispense with sugar, when eaten as a dessert. This variety is highly esteemed, and brought 50 cents per basket more than his Troth's Early.

From the orchards we went to the culling and packing house. This is most conveniently located at the station, immediately alongside of the Rail Road. All the fruit is brought to this house from the orchards. Here it is culled, and put into crates and baskets, and thence transferred to the cars, not over six feet distant. These conveniences and facilities for shipping we have seen no where equalled. The house is of open slat-work on the sides, admitting the air freely, with projecting roof or eaves, just sufficiently high to admit a loaded wagon beneath. It is 112 feet long by 16 feet wide, and is occupied by the Messrs. Townsend in common. We were also shown, at the packing house, a model peach-wagon, which we must not omit to mention. The top of the wagon is not more than four feet high, the body is set upon half springs, the wheels are low and of broad tread. The advantages are, that it can be driven anywhere through the orchard under the limbs, and boys can load or unload it with ease. We wonder that there are not more of these convenient little wagons in use. They can be made to carry as many peaches as any other wagon, cost less, and can be driven anywhere about the orchard. It belongs to Mr. Samuel Townsend, who seems to have studied convenience and economy in all his operations. He is also devoting attention to the culture of pears, grapes, strawberries, &c. We saw some very large and fine Bartlet's, Dutchess, and other varieties, now ready for market. But apples Mr. Townsend has made a specialty. His flourishing orchard is filled with rare and choice fruit, and he manufactures a large quantity of cider.

Mr. Wm. E. Riley, adjoining Mr. John Townsend, also has a very fine peach orchard. We saw some very fine fruit at the depot, which he was shipping on Wednesday. The soil in the neighborhood appears to be highly adapted to fruit of all kinds, and its culture there is doubtless destined to be much extended. The Siberian Crab and the Fig tree also flourish there. Mr. John Townsend has a Crab-Apple tree which is a curiosity. It forms a perfect pyramid of apples, and is a wonder to look upon.

Mr. R. A. Cochran, Jr. has a flourishing orchard of 11,000 trees, loaded down with the very finest fruit. Some have supposed that he has shipped the largest and most perfect peaches that have been sent to market from this State the present season. If any other fruit has equalled it, it is that of Mr. Charles P. Cochran, which is said to be exceedingly fine. Mr. R. A. Cochran, Jr. has shipped peaches so large that 52 of them filled a basket. Mainly throgh his exertions a swich has been built, this season, at Ginn's crossing, and a fine Peach House erected. The switch is 1100 feet long, and cost, land and all, $1400. Six of our orchardists ship at that point, and it is found to be a great convenience to the neighborhood, and relieves, to a considerable extent, the pressure upon the Middletown Station, their former place of shipment.

Accident.—As the A. M. passenger train was leaving Townsend station, on Monday, a man who had been employed there as a peach picker attempted to get upon the front platform of the rear car, when missing his hold he fell beneath the truck; was struck and partly knocked out of the way but owing to a "mantrap" in the way of a small platform could not escape nor could any one drag him out, and the rear truck passed over his thigh. Both feet were badly mangled, his thigh sustained a compound fractnre besides numerous puncture wounds supposed to have been caused by bolt ends of the brakes, and several severe bruises upon the body. It was marvelous how he escaped instant death. He was kindly cared for by the citizens of the place, Dr. Parvis skillfully set the broken limbs and dressed his many wounds. Mr. E. Q. Sewell, Superintendent of the Del. R. R. as soon as apprized of the occurrence telegraphed to have the unfortunate man properly cared for at the expense of the Rail Road company until he could be removed, but the agent of the co. deemed it best and he was removed on Monday, P. M. to Wilmington by the company and was sent to the almhouse, where his limbs were subsequently amputated.

St. Augustine Bridge.—This structure, which spans the St. Augustine creek, near its confluence with the Delaware river, a short distance below Port Penn, approaches completion. All the piles have been driven; only about 64 feet remain to be finished, and the railing will be finished this week. If the lumber were at hand two men could complete the work in ten days, and open the structure to travel. Mr. Enoch Harrison, of Kent county, Md. is the contractor; he saws the lumber at his mill in Kent, and sends it through the canal and down the river from Delaware City. The bridge is 2,300 feet in length, and 16 feet in width, and when completed will cost the county $16,000. Mr. Harrison has also contracted to put down 200 piles at $12 each, at the mouth of the creek, to protect the bridge from destruction by ice or by the surf of the river. This work remains to be accomplished. It should be done before winter sets in, or the bridge may be swept away by floating ice, as the current there is very powerful.

Suicide.—An inquest was held on Monday last upon the body of J. Lewis, of Blackbird, Del. who committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. From the evidence the jury ascertained that he had been suffering from an attack of *delirium tremens*, induced by excessive drinking, and on Monday A. M. about 1 o'clock requested his wife to lay down and get some rest as he felt better. She had been asleep and awoke about 4 o'clock and at once discovered his absence. Dressing hastily she attempted to go down stairs, but found the door of her room fastened. After some time she succeeded in getting down, (finding all the doors fastened) when entering the kitchen she discovered him lying upon his side upon the floor, his razor near him, and his throat cut to the spinal column. Of course life was extinct. A verdict was rendered in accordance with the above facts.

Delicious Fruit.—A compliment was tendered a few days ago by Mr. Joseph Roberts of Appoquinimink Hundred to the celebrated purchaser of peaches, R. Norris, Esq. of the firm of J. C. & R. Norris, of Mercer county, N. J who for the past several years have been engaged in buying and shipping this wholesome and delicious fruit to New York. The compliment was a basket of Early York peaches picked by Mr. Roberts from a tree 23 years old, in the prolific orchard of Mr. Henry Davis, and pronounced by Mr. R. Norris, to be the largest and best flavored he has seen this season. The Messrs. Norris were the first who forwarded peaches from the Middletown depot to the New York market. Mr. R. Norris, the gentleman who attends to the business in Middletown, is highly popular with the peach growers and the public generally, owing to his prompt business habits and his gentlemanly demeanor.

The Hygenia Closing Party.—The closing party at Collins' Beach takes place on Thursday next the 26th inst. The Hygenia has certainly been an attractive resort this summer. A fine band of music has been one of the attractions, which will be present the closing night. Whilst most of the watering places on this side of the Bay have run down this season, Collins has been better sustained than ever. We understand the house is to be enlarged next year.

Local Customs.—The second and third Thursdays in August have been set apart in Delaware, from time immemorial, as a sort of holiday, in which the people embrace the opportunity of making excursions to the different points of resort along the Delaware Bay, in large numbers, and spend the day in fishing, boating, bathing, dancing, or such other amusements as are suited to the varied tastes of the visitors. The succeeding Saturdays are thus spent by the colored people. The origin of these customs has never been definitely determined, but they are supposed to have been established as a kind of celebration or period of rejoicing with the farmers over the cathering in of their harvest. Somewhat similar customs prevail in many other places, varied according to circumstances. The banks of the Wye, at Skipton, in Talbot county, is the scene of an annual after-harvest fish feast, for the people of the surrounding country, who go there in large numbers. Boating, bathing, fishing, promenading, and other amusements abound. The seine is hauled, and the rock and perch are taken fluttering from the water and soon transferred to the frying-pans. Oysters are brought up in the shell, and soon delight the palate, roasted, stewed or fried, having first been served upon a long table spread with every substantial, and every delicacy, brought in carriages and spread out and arranged after the manner of a picnic. The occasion is a free and easy one, ceremony is laid aside, and everybody goes in for enjoyment. In the border counties of Maryland, and in many parts of Pennsylvania, the people have what are called "Harvest-homes." These are similar to large picnics. Thousands of people assemble in some convenient grove, and all the Sabbath Schools of the neighboring churches, with banners, sashes and other devices to distinguish them. Speeches are made, songs are sung, and the local brass bands make the woods resound with their melody. These assemblages are occasions of rejoicing over the ingathering of the harvest, and serve as a grateful acknowledgement of the bounty of Providence for the fruits of the earth. These customs are probably of very ancient origin. The idea was taken, it is likely, from the "feast of harvest" divinely instituted and established among the Israelites, when the the "first fruits" of their "labour sown in the field," were brought; and "the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field."

Who can Beat it?—A car load of elegant peaches, known as Reeves Favorite, was shipped from Townsend by Samuel Townsend, Esq. on Thursday night last, containing 528 baskets of double extra. Each basket was garnished with fresh leaves, and every peach was selected for size and color. It was thought they would average a half-pound each. So general was the admiration from all who saw them, that when the car was closed some gentlemen nailed upon it a broom, and wrote on the car, "Beat these if you can." Let us hear from our peach growers; the ball is now fairly open for the ripe fruit, as it was for the competition in green, and look well to it or Townsend Station will sweep us from the lists.

The empty peach trains are due here at 9 o'clock A. M. but owing to the immense number of cars on the road, (four hundred in all, exclusively devoted to the peach trade, 200 furnished by each road,) the trains are somewhat delayed, and the peach wagons accumulate around the depot at times until they reach thirty or forty in number. And then, when the cars are ready to receive and they commence to unload their wagons, commend us to the scene presented, for one of hurry and bustling activity. It is thought that next week will bring the climax of the season, at this station.

A Mad Ox.—A party of men had a terrible time in capturing a mad steer on the farm of Mr. Sam'l Penimore, in Appoquinimink, last week. He chased a large party of men through the peach orchard, knocked one over and treed two who had guns in their hands, and butted the trees, one of which was severely injured, while the man was treed he barely escaped the butt. The last man treed shot him with a rifle. He had been previously shot square in the head with small shot by the other party "up a tree," which seemed to have no effect. He had been sold to a butcher. So the Commercial says.

We regret to learn that Mr. Wm. M. Vandegrift is ill of typhoid, at Berkeley Springs, West Va. Dr. Hamilton, and Mr. Joseph W. Vandegrift visited him, at Berkeley, on Saturday last, and Dr. H. returned on Monday. Mr. Vandegrift's wife and son are with him, at the Springs, and he has every attention in his illness.

After the foregoing was in type, intelligence of Mr. Vandegrift's death was received through the telegraph. He expired on Wednesday night last, and his remains were brought on on Thursday evening.

Mr. John Drummond is enlarging and improving his Flouring Mill. Mr. Wm. Spratt, of Cecil county, a celebrated millwright, is putting in two 26-inch turbine wheels, and when the work is completed this will be one of the best mills in the State. Mr. Drummond has sometimes had to run his mill nearly all night, in order to keep up with his business, but he will now be able to grind in a day as much as he formerly did in a day and night together. The stream which supplies the water is an unfailing one, even in the driest seasons.

A letter to the Baltimore Sun, from Green Brier White Sulphur Springs, giving an account of the grand masquade and fancy ball, recently held there, makes the following mention of a young lady lately of this town: Miss Taylor, from Georgetown, D. C. was dressed as Autumn; her dress was trimmed with beautiful autumn leaves with a head-dress of the same; her costume was much praised.

Fine Pear Orchard.—Mr. Wm. S. Griffith, near Head of Sassafras, Kent county, Md. has an orchard of ten acres, planted with pears, and now in fine bearing condition. He commenced picking last week, realizing $6 per crate. His first shipment brought him a return of $300, and he is likely to realize a handsome profit from his fruit by the time the season is at an end.

M. H. Cummins, of this town, shipped three crates of Bartlett pears to Reeves, Brow & Van Winkle, New York, last week, which they sold for $15 per crate. They are said to be the finest lot ever sent from this State: 166 filled a crate—a bushel. They were handsomely colored. He has twice taken the first premium at the Phila. Horticultural Fair.—*Smyrna Times.*

The following time table on the Townsend and Millington road, will be useful for reference to those residing in the upper sections of Kent and Queen Annes counties: Leave Millington at 12.45, P. M.; Massey's 1.25; Morris Station 1.40; Vandyke's 2.00; Townsend 2.20. Leave Townsend for Millington on arrival of train from Wilmington, about 1 P. M.

One hundred and thirty car loads of peaches passed over the Delaware Rail Road on Tuesday last, each car carrying 500 baskets, making the immense number of 65,000 baskets in one day. Tuesday's shipment was the largest of the season. The number of baskets will now gradually decline' and prices advance.

Runaway.—As Mr. C. P. Cochran, accompanied by Mr. Henry Jones, was driving his fine roan out of town on Thursday evening, (a new purchase) the horse ran off, just beyond the Rail Road, breaking the axle of the carriage and throwing them both out. Neither of them were very seriously damaged.

A grand ball or social *soiree*, the first ever held in the Town Hall, took place in the spacious auditorium of that building last evening. The beauty and the chivalry of Delaware were present, and the rosy hours sped all too fleetly for the merry dancers. Ritchie did the music.

Peaches from One Year Old Trees.—Mr. Wm. N. Wilson, of the "Levels," exhibited to us, on Monday, mature Troth's Early, from trees only one year old. We are told it is not uncommon for fruit to form on one year old trees, but it rarely comes to maturity.

"Loretta" is the name of a new station on the Delaware Railroad, about five miles above Princess Anne. The name is in compliment to Chas. B. Lore, Esq. of Wilmington, upon whose property the building is constructed.

A man named Joseph Keys committed suicide in Dover on Friday afternoon, by taking strychnine, which he procured at Burton's drug store.

Thomas Cavender of St. Georges Hundred, raised the present season 2100 bushels of wheat which will average 62 pounds to the bushel.

A Social Basket Pic-Nic will take place at Vacancy Grove, Bohemia Manor, on Thursday evening next at 7 o'clock.

Items of News.

A few weeks ago a most dastardly outrage was committed in Benton Harbor, Michigan. An orchard of about 15,000 trees was girdled by Vandal hands. The entire community turned out to save the trees—men, women and children setting to work with grafting wax and bandages to save as many of the trees as possible. The wax supplied the place of the bark, and the trees continued a vigorous growth. But the scoundrel was not to be balked of his revenge or malice. Soon afterward the orchard was again entered, the trees completely girdled, and there seems to be no doubt that the work of destruction is effectually done. The splendid orchard is now but a field of dead and decaying treetrunks. The loss is at least $20,000, and the affair creates great excitement.

In the National Labor Congress Tuesday a number of resolutions were presented and referred. They refer to the eight-hour system; advocate reduction of the interest on the public debt, and, the issue of greenbacks to pay the Five-twenties; oppose the National Bank system; favor the alteration of the revenue laws, and the taxation of United States bonds; oppose land monopolies and favor the distribution to settlers of the public lands; oppose coolie immigration and the use of convict labor in penitentiaries, and declare in favor of supporting candidates for office, irrespectively of party, who endorse these principles.

Recent advices from Cuba affirm that the cause of the insurgents is in a highly encouraging condition. The operations of Generals Jordon and Quesada have been eminently successful, giving them possession of a large field of resources with several points on the coast. Valmaseda's movements of late have, on the contrary, resulted disastrously. The recognition of the insurgents, as beligerents, it is claimed, would result in greatly expediting the achievement of Cuba's independence.

The Commissioners of the World's Fair of 1851, held in London, have just issued a prospectus, announcing that a similar exhibition will take place in 1871. As the Crystal Palace has been removed to Sydenham, a few miles from London, a building is already prepared, although additions may be necessary in order to rival the display of the French Exposition of 1867.

Immense quantities of California fruits have arrived in Chicago. The pears are said to be the finest ever brought to that city, and the purple plums are without superiors. The opening shipments have resulted well, and the most experienced fruiterers are delighted with the perfection of these summer products, brought six days journey overland.

A train on the Northern Central Railroad was thrown from the track, near Harrisburg, on Saturday morning, by some rocks which had fallen from an overhanging embankment. The locomotive, baggage and express cars were smashed, the engineer and fireman killed, and several other railroad employes injured.

The steamer Port-au-Prince reached New York Wednesday, with the schooner Mary Jane, of Boston, in tow, from San Domingo, which she fell in with at sea. The entire crew of the schooner were found helplessly down with yellow fever, the captain and two other men dead, and their bodies putrefying on deck.

Chang and Eng Bunker, the Siamese Twins, returned from Europe in the City of Antwerp, which arrived on Sunday at New York. They deny that they left America for the purpose of being separated, and say that the rumor to that effect was merely a sensation of Barnum's.

There is a report from Richmond that General Canby will in a few days convene the Legislature of Virginia, requiring the members to take the test oath, and when a member cannot take the oath, give his seat to the candidate receiving the next highest vote.

The St. Cloud (Minn.) Journal records as one of the freaks of the recent Grove Lake tornado the picking up of a mare standing in a field, and carrying her thirty yards, dropping her in a marsh, breaking her neck and leg. Her colt, standing beside her, was uninjured.

Orders have been given to the tellers in the Treasury Department at Washington to pay out no more ten-dollar greenbacks. The whole issue will be withdrawn and destroyed, and no new greenbacks of the denomination will be substituted.

Frederick Douglass, Jr., recently married a daughter of H. Molyneux Hewlett, of Harvard University. Molyneux is a mulatto. He was formerly a prize-fighter of considerable repute in England, and is now instructor in gymnastics at Harvard.

A temporary bridge, used in the repair of the Falls of St. Anthony, Minnesota, was swept away on Saturday morning. Three men were on the bridge at the time, and were carried over the falls and drowned.

The cargo of African slaves recently landed in the Cinco Villas District, Cuba, were captured and immediately liberated by the insurgents. Their condition was represented as extremely wretched.

The steamer Cumberland exploded her boilers near Shawneetown, Ind., on Saturday morning, and eighteen or twenty lives are reported lost. The vessel is a total loss.

A Madrid letter to the London *Times* describes the condition of public affairs in Spain as desperate. The treasury is empty, no taxes can be collected, and there is popular discontent everywhere.

A Mrs. George Wilson alias Louisa Davis, went to jail in default of bail at St. Louis, Wednesday, charged with stealing eight thousand dollars worth of diamonds from a jewelry store.

The Directors of the Central Pacific Railroad have information of a conspiracy by disaffected ex-employes to burn the bridges and stock of fuel east of the Sierras, and have taken precautions against it.

Judge Lewis Dent has written a letter to President Grant, protesting against the latter giving countenance to the Radicals in the approaching Mississippi election.

Hon. John Bell, of Tennessee, so prominently before the public for forty years past, is rapidly failing, with no hopes of recovery.

Mr. Gifford a resident of Northen Iowa, died on Saturday, from fright at the eclipse.

For the Middletown Transcript

Mr. Editor;—The hop at the Pier House on the evening of the 12th inst. was *the* hop of the season. The large ball room was crowded, some thirty or forty ladies were in attendance and an equal number of gentlemen. The evening was given up to enjoyment, and the party did not break up till the orient began to be gilded with the golden light of the morning. In the vocabulary of the two gentlemen who got up the party, there is no such word as "phail." The inimitable Amphions did the music of course; Lord was in his best mood, and tho Pier never looked brighter or more cheerful, and never did a merrier party go through the mazes of the dance beneath its ample roof. The Pier House was never honored with the presence of a more peerless assembly, and though the writer has participated in many *soirees sociale*, he never enjoyed himself better than on that long-to-be-remembered occasion. Many many returns of those social assemblies, that give life a zest and mellow the heart, and roll off the burden of care from the shoulders. No misanthrope, no cinic, no sour-visaged dispeptic, no vinegar-cruet, crab-apple specimen of humanity who might have been present, but must have enjoyed himself. But, Mr. Editor, "here will I hold." For the present, *vale.*

Very Truly Yours, Incog.

Correspondence of the Middletown Transcript.

Townsend, Aug. 20th, 1869.

Mr. Vanderford,—Dear Sir—As your Transcript appears to be the principal medium of the Peach Growers of Delaware, you can take the liberty of saying, if you please, that myself and brother John have picked out of our own orchards, this week alone, about 12,000 baskets of peaches, which have averaged over one dollar per basket. Sold in New York by R. Townsend, Hilliard & McMulkin, Nos. 369, 370 West Washington Market.

Yours, Respectfully,

Samuel Townsend.

Mrs. Stonewall Jackson has just received a bequest of $10,000.

DIED.

At Berkeley Springs, West Va. on Wednesday night last, Mr. William M. Vandegrift, in the 50th year of his age. His funeral will take place from his late residence, near Odessa, to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

At Summit Bridge, Del on Wednesday last, 18th inst. Mrs. Lydia Johns, in the 70th year of her age.

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY A. T. BRADLEY.

Wheat, old	$1 25
Wheat, new	1 50
Corn yellow	1 12
" white	1 07
Oats, new	50
Timothy Seed	4 50
Clover Seed	10 75
Eggs	20 cts ₰ doz
Butter	33@35 cts. ₰ lb
Live Spring Chickens	16@18 " "
Lard	24@25 " "
Beef	20@22 " "
Hams	25@30 " "
Sides	23@25 " "
Shoulders	19@20 " "
Potatoes	45@ 50 ₰ bushel.
Potatoes, New	40@45 ₰ "

PHILADELPHIA.

Prime new red wheat	$1 60@1 68
Corn, new yellow	$1 18
Oats (Pennsylvania)	60
Cloverseed	$9 00
Timothy	$4 75.

WILMINGTON.

Wheat, prime	1 40@1 50.
Corn, New	1 15.
Oats	85
Flour	$6 75@10 50.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Religious Notice.—Divine Service (D. V.) on to-morrow (Sunday 15th, inst.) at the usual hour, in Saint Ann's Church, 10½ A. M.

INGRAM & GIBSON'S PRICE CURRENT.

Eggs	20cts.	Lard	20cts.
Butter	20.	Hogs	16.
Chickens, dressed	17.	Hogs, alive	13.
Ducks "	19.	Potatoes, round	45.
Turkies "	20.	Feathers	65.
Geese "	15.	Honey	20.
Beans	$2.00.		

The above prices will be paid in cash for produce delivered in good order; and we wish to say that we keep constantly on hand a good assortment of Groceries and Provisions which we will sell reasonably for cash, at the Corner of Broad and Anderson Streets, Middletown, Del.

March 20—tf INGRAM & GIBSON.

FINE READY MADE CLOTHING.

228 MARKET STREET, 2nd Door below THIRD

WILMINGTON, ELAWARE.

THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT OF

Ready Made Clothing in Delaware,

Our Own Make, now on hand, and will be sold at less than Philadelphia Prices.

All our Clothing is made in Superior manner by

PRACTICAL TAILORS.

The Proprietor having an experience of over thirty years in this Business, will guarantee satisfaction to any purchaser.

A full line of

FINE CLOTHS,

CASSIMERES, and

VESTINGS,

Constantly on hand for

ORDER WORK,

which will be made in the

LATEST STYLE AND BEST MANNER,

At No. 228 Market Street,

The Oldest Established Clothing Emporium in Delaware.

March 16—y Edward Moore.

DEAFNESS, BLINDNESS, and CATARRH treated with the utmost success, by J. Isaacs, M. D. and Professor of Disease of the Eye and Ear, in the Medical College of Pennsylvania, 12 years experience, (formerly of Leyden, Holland,) No. 805 Arch Street, Phila. Testimonials can be seen at his office. The medical faculty are invited to accompany their patients, as he has no secrets in his practice. Artificial eyes inserted without pain. No charge for examination.

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☞ All letters should be addressed to THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, Middletown, Del.

☞ Office corner Main and Scott streets.

AN ATTEMPTED INNOVATION.—The *Kent News* says:—An attempt was made at the Chesterville camp to prohibit the old established and innocent custom of promenading. The intemperate language used by one of the ministers in promulgating the order gave offence to those in the habit of indulging in that innocent pastime, and was condemning not only by the tent-holders, but by some of the clergy as well. The consequence was that the camp ground was nearly deserted for several days, and it was deemed prudent to modify or revoke the order.

The negroes who committed an outrage on Miss Thomson near Fort Royal, Va., a few days ago, were not lynched as it was supposed. They would have been lynched, it is stated, had not the Sheriff, who succeeded in getting charge of them, surrounded the jail with a strong force of armed men, who are on duty day and night.

A child of four years wandered from its home in Philadelphia, Wednesday week, and was found next morning clinging insensibly to a raft in the Delaware river. It was rescued and restored.

Betting, in England, is in favor of the Oxford crew, five to two against the Harvard, instead of five to one as incorrectly reported.

Emerson Etheridge and Andrew Johnson are mentioned as the most prominent candidates for U. S. Senator in Tennessee.

Ten crates of Barlett pears were received in New York on Saturday from California, via the Pacific road.

Mr. Jefferson Davis is now making a tour through Scotland accompined by Dr Charles Mackay.

FOR THE CANNING SEASON!!

JOHN A. REYNOLDS & SON,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS,

Middletown, Del.

HAVE just received and are prepared to supply the public in large or small quantities to suit

Mason's Patent Improved Fruit Jars.

The Cover and Jar are entirely of Glass.

These Jars have been in use the last ten or twelve years and are too well known to need comment.

THE PATENT ALL RIGHT FRUIT JARS,

In quarts and half gallons, self-sealing, patented Nov. 5th, 1862, a description of which is given by the inventor as follows:

It combines all the good qualities of a Fruit Jar. Indeed it challenges and defies all competition. Mark the effective simplicity of its performance—any child can use it. It has been tested by the inventor for the last five years. The fruit is placed in the jar and properly heated, when the cover is applied and it seals itself. It is opened readily, being fastened with a Spring Clamp acting on an inclination in the glass, resulting in a pressure on the center of the stopper. The Jar is All Right, as purchasers will find upon a trial of its merits.

H. S. FISHER'S PATENT SELF-SEALING PRESERVING TIN CANS, of which we are the sole agents for Middletown and vicinity.

This celebrated Can has been in use for the last five years, and all who have tried it speak in the highest terms of its superior merits.

☞ All cans warranted that are put up according to directions.

Also, Stone Jars in quarts and half gallons, Bottle Wax, Corks, and Iron (porcelain lined) Preserving Kettles in all sizes.

We are constantly receiving new lots of the above articles which we offer for sale at the lowest market rates on the most reasonable terms.

Aug. 21—y

1869 DELAWARE STATE 1869

AND PENINSULAR

Agricultural Exhibition and Fair,

WILL be held in WILMINGTON, Delaware, under the direction, and on the grounds of the Agricultural Society of New Castle County,

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 16th & 17th.

and extended if the weather is unfavorable on those days.

The citizens of Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland counties, N. J. and Chester and Delaware counties, Pa. are invited to contribute without restriction.

The grounds will be open on Tuesday the 14th, for the reception of stock and articles for exhibition.

Liberal premiums will be given for Stock of all kinds, the products of the Farm, Garden and Dairy; Fancy Articles, Trials of Speed, &c. &c.

All animals, and articles for competition, must be entered in writing, stating class, name and residence, and if stock, giving name, age and color, and (except horses for speed) be on the grounds on or before 11 o'clock, on Wednesday the 15th. There will be

TRIALS OF SPEED EACH DAY.

All entries must be made in writing, stating class, name, age and color, and fee paid on or before 12 M. of the 15th, and 7 P. M. of the 15th and 16th.

☞ No gambling will be allowed, liquor sold, or drunken or disorderly persons admitted on the grounds.

Tickets of admission, 25 cents. For one horse and rider, 50 cents. Vehicle and driver, 75 cts. each occupant of the vehicle other than the driver, 35 cents. Stockholders tickets, $2 00.

ZADOCK TOWNSEND, President.
DR. R. McCABE, Sec'y Wilmington, Del.
aug. 21—3t

PEACH TREES.

A splendid lot of Peach Trees raised from Carolina

NATURAL FRUIT SEED

Of the best market varieties. Also all other kinds Nursery stock at

WAWASET NURSERIES.

EDWARD TATNAL,
aug. 21—3m Wilmington, Del.

PUBLIC SALE.

OF

Threshing Machines & Horse Powers

AT NEWARK, DELAWARE.

HAVING determined to close out the present years' stock, we will sell at public sale, at our shops, Newark, Delaware, on

Monday, August 30th, 1869,

Our entire stock of the celebrated

DIAMOND STATE THRESHER AND CLEANER,

Of the different sizes—36-inch, 30-inch, and 26-inch cylinder. Also a number of our

TWO & THREE HORSE RAILWAY POWERS.

These machines are guaranteed to Thresh, Separate and Clean, rapidly and in the best manner.

Sale Positive, to commence at 12 o'clock, M. when conditions will be made known by

CASHO & CO.
Newark, Aug. 21—ts H. T. RIDDELL, Auc.

NEWARK ACADEMY,

NEWARK, DELAWARE,

PROF. EDWARD D. PORTER, A. M.

PRINCIPAL.

A FIRST-CLASS Mathematical, Classical and Scientific Boarding School for boys and young men. Will commence its *One Hundred and First Academic Year*, SEPTEMBER, 1st, 1869.

For full information send for Circular.

August 14—3m.

NOTICE.

THE Directors of the FARMERS MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF ST. GEORGES AND APPOQUINIMINK HUNDREDS have unanimously Resolved, "That any person, or persons who now have, or may hereafter effect an Insurance in this company, on any Stack Yard containing Grain, Hay, Provender, or on Buildings adjacent thereto, are hereby prohibited from using any Steam Engine on said premises, *Unless at their own Risk*; and for any loss that may be sustained by Fire originating from said engine, by which the stacks of Grain, Provender, or Buildings adjacent thereto, may be destroyed as aforesaid, the company will refuse payment for such loss.

By order of the Directors,
Odessa, July 31, '69. CHAS. TATMAN,
Aug. 7—4w Secretary.

PEACH TREES,

VERY LARGE AND THRIFTY,

OF LEADING VARIETIES, AS LOW AS THE LOWEST.

☞ ORDERS SOLICITED. ☜

BIDDLE & HAYS,
July 31—6m. Cecilton, Md.

BANKING HOUSE OF

John McLear & Son,

607 Market St. Wilmington, Del,

ESTABLISHED, 1848.

WE are offering for sale the Six per. Cent Bonds of the City of Wilmington, at par, in sums of $50, $100, $500, and $1000. Interest payable April and October. Registered Certificates.

The City Loans of Wilmington have always been highly esteemed as an investment, and the rapid growth and general prosperity of the city make them more than ever desirable.

We continue to transact a general banking and brokerage business, and are continually enlarging our facilities.

Money received on deposit and returned on demand with interest. Parties keeping accounts with us may draw checks on us payable at sight, precisely as in the case of banks.

Drafts on England, Ireland, Germany and other countries drawn.

Parties desiring to invest money in bond and mortgage, are invited to examine our list of securities of this class.

Passage tickets from Europe, by all good lines sold.

Government Securities taken in exchange for any other scurities at the highest market rates.

JOHN McLEAR & SON.
June 5th, 1869—tf.

Farmers, Take Notice!

THE undersigned having obtained Letters Patent for an "Improvement in Grain Drill" for the purpose of Sowing Phosphate, Guano, and other Fertilizers, dated Oct. 27, 1868, & confirmed by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, July 10, 1869, would respectfully inform the Farming Community that he has made arrangements to furnish to them the

DELAWARE PHOSPHATE DRILL,

Grain and Phosphate Drill Combined.

The Phosphate Arrangement can be attached to any common grain drill that has been in use. There were 71 sold last year in this neigoborhood which gave entire satisfaction, and were pronounced by those who used them to be the best Phosphate Sower that has ever been introduced into this country.

Farmers wishing to procure these Drills must apply early, as, owing to the lateness of the season, only a limited number will be offered. For further information apply to

W. N. HAMILTON, M. D.
July 24—tf Odessa, Delaware.

Dissolution of Copartnership.

THE Copartnership heretofore existing and trading under the Firm of MURRAY & BOWLS, in the Wine, Liquor and Livery Stable busines, in Middletown, Del. is this day dissolved by mutual consent of the parties, and all persons having claims against the firm will present them to Thomas Murray for payment, and all indebted to the firm will make immediate payment to Geo. W. Ingram, as the business must be settled at once.

THOMAS MURRAY,
JOHN BOWLS.

Middletown, July 26th, 1869
July 31—1m*

NEW BAKERY,

IN MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

North East Corner of Lake and Broad Streets.

THE undersigned wishes to inform his friends and the public at large, that he has commenced the Baking Business in all its departments, and will keep constantly on hand,

Bread, Cakes, Crackers, Pies, Candy,

And will supply Weddings, and Parties, with all sorts of Cakes at short notice.

He has engaged a first class Baker to attend to the business.

He will also continue the Painting Business in all its Branches. FRANCIS TARONI.
March 6, 1869—tf

Notice To Tresspassers.

ALL persons are forbid to tresspass upon the premises of the undersigned, in any way whatever, as the Law will be enforced against any one so offending. M. N. WILLITS.
July 31—tf

PATENT CLOTHES HORSES, an indispensible household article, for sale at

ROTHWELL'S
June 19—tf Main St. Middletown, Del.

A VERY VALUABLE FARM

AT PUBLIC SALE.

THE undersigned as Attorney for the Morris heirs, will on

Saturday, the 21st day of August,

1869, *at 11 o'clock, A. M.*

Punctually, offer at public sale at the "HAYES' HOUSE," in Sassafras, Kent county, Maryland, the following VERY VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND:—A FARM, situated in the First Election District of Kent Co. Md.

Containing 175 Acres of Land,

More or Less,

and adjoining the lands of David C. Blackiston, R. T. Cochran and others. The whole of it is arable and highly improved, with the exception of about ten acres, which is

Good Timber and Meadow Land.

The soil is admirably adapted to the growth of Grain, Fruit, Vegetables and Grasses. It is divided into five fields, and each field is well watered and enclosed with good fencing. The Improvements are,

A Peach Orchard of 1500 Trees,

OF CHOICE VARITIES, IN FULL BEARING.

AN APPLE ORCHARD OF 300 TREES,

of Choice Varieties, in full bearing, and 400 SELECT DWARF PEAR TREES, in full bearing.

A Two-Story Frame Dwelling,

in good condition. The OUT-BUILDINGS are amply sufficient for the purposes of the farm. The farm is most desirably situated, being convenient to Churches, Schools, Mills, &c. in a thriving, social and healthy neighborhood. Three miles from the Post Village of Sassafras; two miles from Wilson's Point, a Steamboat Landing on the Sassafras river, and one mile from a station on the Delaware branch of the Kent county Railroad.

THE TERMS OF SALE ARE:—One-third cash, or in sixty days, at the discretion of the Attorney, and the balance in equal annual instalments of one, two and three years from the day of sale. Interest on the credit payments to begin on the first day of January, 1870, when possession will be given. The crops now growing will be reserved. The purchaser will have the right of seeding wheat this fall. The graveyard as it now is, and the right of way to and from the same will be reserved.

Mr. E. S. MORRIS, on the farm, will take pleasure in showing the premises to any one who may call.

D. JAMES BLACKISTON, Att'y.
Chestertown, Kent Co. Md.
E. E. MILLER, Auct'r.
August 7—ts.

REMOVAL!!

G. W. W. NAUDAIN

HAS removed from the old and well known Stand, corner of Broad and Main streets, to

No. 3 Middletown Hall,

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

Where he continues to keep a large and well selected stock of

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, GROCERIES, HARDWARE, QUEENSWARE, &c.

In fact everything that is requisite to make up a

First Class Country Store,

may there be found, of reliable quality and at REASONABLE PRICES.

☞ *GIVE HIM A CALL.* ☜

All kinds of Produce taken in exchange for Goods.
Aug. 7—y

BANKING HOUSE

OF

John McLear & Son,

No. 607 Market St. Wilmington, Del.

ESTABLISHED, 1848.

WE respectfully call the attention of our friends and customers to the advantages offered as an investment by the WILMINGTON and READING RAIL ROAD, First Mortgage 7 Per Cent Bonds. The price at which they are offered is only 85 and accrued interest, at which price they net the purchaser 8 1-5 Per Cent. Per Annum, *Clear of all Taxes*, either State or National. We unhesitatingly recommend the Bonds as being, in all respects, A FIRST CLASS INVESTMENT.

Holders of Goverument Securities may realize an especial advantage by exchanging them for these Bonds. For example, take a 5-20 Bond of 1867 for $1000. At the present rate of premium on gold it yields the holder in currency a fraction over eight per cent, on its *par value*. It may be sold, however, at a premium of *Twenty-one per cent.* and the proceeds invested in Wilmington and Reading R. R. Bonds with the following result:

1000 5-20's at 121 yield.....1210.00
1400 Wilmington & Reading R. R. Bonds at 85 cost.....1190.00

The yield of interest from the former investment (gold at 37 premium) amounts to.....82.80 per year
But from the latter it amounts to..93.00 " "

Or in other words, while the money invested in 5-20's yield over eight per cent. on the *par value* of the Bond, the same money invested in Wilmington and Reading R. R. Bonds will yield nearly *Ten Per Cent. Per Annum* with an additional profit of over $200 at the maturity of the bonds, and the further advantage that income from the bonds is clear of all taxes, while interest from U. S. Bonds is subject to tax as a part of the owner's income.

We are prepared at all times to furnish the bonds without any charge to customers for commission.

We continue to transact all business relating to the investment or loaning of money.

Bonds and Stocks Bought and Sold on Commission, at the Stock Boards in all parts of the country.

Deposits received at any time, and paid on demand with interest.

Correspondence promptly attended to.

JOHN McLEAR & SON.
August 7—1m.

BRAND-NEW

Cigar and Tobacco Store!!

IN MIBBLETOWN.

THE undersigned takes this method to inform his friends of Middletown and vicinity, that he has opened a

CIGAR ANB TOBACCO STORE,

On Main Street, one door east of the National Hotel, Middletown, Delaware, where Smokers and Chewers can always be accommodated with Cigars and Tobacco, of a superior quality, and at very low prices.

☞ Call in and try our selections.

Having procured a first-class segar maker he has begun the manufacturing of segars, and is prepared to supply the trade at city prices.

JOHN T. HAYES,
June 5—6mo. Middletown, Del.

Rhodes Super Phosphate

THE STANDARD MANURE

MANUFACTURED BY

POTTS & KLETT,

Camden, New Jersey.

THE ATTENTION OF FARMERS IS ESPECIALLY CALLED TO THE

RHODES SUPER PHOSPHATE,

As the most valuable and reliable manure for Wheat and Grass, as well as for other crops, as attested by an experience of fifteen years.

This long established and standard manure is prepared expressly for DRILLING, and particular care is taken to maintain the high reputation it has obtained.

ORCHILLA GUANO.

AA.

A True Bird Guano,

RICH IN PHOSPHATES AND ALKALINE SALTS,

Substitute for Ground Raw Bones.

Price,.....$30 per Ton, of 2000 lbs.

For Sale by Dealers, and by

YARNALL & TRIMBLE,

Wholesale Agents for Penn. New Jersey & Del.
418 SOUTH WHARVES, PHILADELPHIA.
July 17—3mos.

BAUGH'S RAW BONE Super Phosphate of Lime.



STANDARD WARRANTED.

WE offer to Farmers, the present Fall season, BAUGH'S RAW BONE SUPER PHOSPHATE OF LIME as being highly improved.

Baugh's Raw Bone Super Phosphate, is as its name indicates, prepared by dissolving Raw Bones in Oil of Vitriol—that is, Bones that have not been deprived of their organic matter—the grease and glue—by burning or baking. It therefore, presents to the use of the Farmer all the valuable properties of Raw Bones in a highly concentrated form—rendering it at once quick in action and very permanent.

Farmers are recommended to purchase of the dealer located in their neighborhood. In sections where no dealer is yet established, the PHOSPHATE may be procured directly from the undersigned.

BAUGH & SONS, Manufacturers,
Office, No. 20 S. Del. Avenue,
July 17—3mo, PHILADELPHIA.

MORO PHILLIPS'

GENUINE IMPROVED

SUPER-PHOSPHATE OF LIME,

STANDARD GUARANTEED,

For sale at Manufacturers' Depots.

No. 27 NORTH FRONT STREET, PHILADELPHIA,

AND

No. 95 SOUTH STREET, BALTIMORE,

And by dealers in general throughout the country

THE Sombrero Guano of which Moro Phillips' Phosphate is and always has been manufactured, (and of which he has sole control for the United States) contains fifty per cent. more Bone Phosphate than Raw Bone, therefore it is more durable.

A large percentage is Soluble, and will immediately yield its nourishment.

The Ammonia it contains is pure and ready to yield its value—not animal matter, capable of yielding its ammonia after decomposition in the soil.

Nothing is spared in its manufacture to render it the most valuable Super-Phosphate and Crop Producer in the market.

Eight years' experience has proved to the farmer that it is durable and can always be relied on as uniform in quality; and the numerous unsolicited testimonials continually received of its use in competition with other Fertilizers, fully attest that it has not been excelled.

Price $56 per Ton of 2,000 Pounds. Discount to Dealers.

Moro Phillips,
SOLE PROPRIETOR & MANUFACTURER

For sale by A. T. Bradley,
June 26—6mos— Middletown, Del..

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INVENTORS who wish to take out letters Patent are advised to counsel MUNN & CO. Editors of the Scientific American, who have prosecuted claims before the Patent Office for more than Twenty Years. Their American and European Patent Agency is the most extensive in the world. Charges less than any other reliable Agency.

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June 26—3m 37 Park Row, New York.

AMERICAN & SWISS WATCHES.

M. E. DICKSON,

No. 35½ SOUTH EIGHTH STREET,

PHILADELPHIA,

ASKS attention to his fine selected stock of

WATCHES AND JEWELRY,

Of the latest Styles and the best Factory make.

Silver Ware.

Sterling Silver Spoons, Forks, and Butter Knives, which will be sold at a very small advance.

☞ Particular attention paid to repairing Fine Watches and Jewelry.
March 6—tf

THOMAS MASSEY, JR.

CLOCK AND WATCH MAKER,

Main Street, nearly opposite Walker's Hotel,

Middletown, Delaware

CLOCKS, Watches, Jewelry, &c. neatly and promptly repared.

Always on hand and for sale, Clocks, Watches, Plated Ware, Forks, Spoons, Silver Napkin Rings, Silver Thimbles, Salt, Sugar and Tea Spoons, Butter Knives, Gold Breast-Pins, Ear-Rings, Finger-Rings, Sleeve Buttons, Watch Chains, Watch Keys, Key Rings, Steel Watch Chains, &c.
Dec. 12—tf.

HENRY HARPER,

520 ARCH STREET,

PHILADELPHIA,

HAS a large stock at low prices, of fine

WATCHES, JEWELRY, SOLID SILVERWARE

AND

PLATED SPOONS, CASTORS, TEA SETS, &c.
May 1—3m.

HANGING BASKETS, Earthen and Wire, For Sale at ROTHWELL'S New Store,
May 29 Main street, Middletown, Del.

THE

DELAWARE

DRY GOODS

AND

CARPET HOUSE,

304 & 306

MARKET STREET,

WILMINGTON,

DELAWARE.

From Long Experience in the

DRY GOODS

AND

CARPET TRADE,

We are perpared to offer special advantages to buyers throughout all parts of the country.

Our extensive acquaintance with importers and jobbers, and a daily knowledge of the market, give us extraordinary facilities for selling goods at the

LOWEST PRICES,

Often at better rates than can be obtained in other houses of this and neighboring markets. The stock for completeness and variety cannot be surpassed, comprising, as it does, all articles for family use usually found in a first class

DRY GOODS

AND

CARPET HOUSE.

SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO

SILKS,

FINE AND MEDIUM

DRESS GOODS,

SHAWLS, KID GLOVES, &c.

And the most superior stock of

Black & Mourning Goods,

To be found in the State,

STRICTLY ONE PRICE.

W. M. KENNARD,

804 & 806 Market st.

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

May 22, 1869—y.

LOOK AT THIS.

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S. R. STEPHENS & Co's,

NEW WHOLESALE & RETAIL STORE.

GOODS at PHILADELPHIA PRICES.

HAVING Just returned from the city with a large and splendid assortment of

SPRING GOODS,

FROM AUCTION AND FIRST HANDS,

BOUGPT AT THE LOWEST CASH PRICES

Comprising in part a large stock of

CARPETS, CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, DRESS GOODS, NOTIONS, CLOTHING, &c.

Also

CANNED FRUITS, PICKLES,

And all Goods usually kept in a First Class Country Store, which we are prepared to sell very low for Cash, or Country Produce.

☞ Buyers would do well to give us a call.

SAML. R. STEPHENS & Co.
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.
April 10—1y

BOOK, STATIONERY, AND VARIETY STORE.

SCHOOL BOOKS and Miscellaneous Works, Bibles, Prayer Books and Hymn Books, Blank Books, in various styles and binding; Tuck, Memorandum and Pass Books,

STATIONERY.

Writing, Letter, and Note Paper,
Envelopes, in variety;
Mourning Paper and Envelopes to match.

FANCY ARTICLES.

Photograph Albums, Work Boxes, Fancy Boxes, Writing Desks, Ladies' Satchels, Pocket Books, Port Folios, Purses, Port Monaies, Segar Cases, Picture Frames, Tassel and Cords, Looking Glasses,

BACK GAMMON BOARDS, CHESS AND CHECKER MEN, GAMES of all KINDS.

Rubber Pencils and Penholders,
Writing Fluid and Ink Stands,
Pocket Cutlery, Roger's Scissors, &c.
Sleeve Buttons, Studs, Breast Pins, Finger Rings, Spectacles,
Violin Strings,
Combs, Brushes, Nail and Tooth Brushes,
Gum Bands, Watch Keys, Key Rings, and Puff Boxes.

A fine assortment of Colgate & Co's. Soap.
PHALON'S NIGHT BLOOMING CEREUS,
Wright's and Taylor's Superior Extracts,
Pomades, Hair Oils,
And Dental Soap of the First Quality.

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.

Neck Ties of various styles, Bismarck Collars, Gloves, Hose, Handkerchiefs, Cuffs, Wristlets.

Segars, Tobacco Pipes, Meerschaums, and Tobacco Pouches.
Lamps, Lamp Chimneys, Wicks and Coal Oil.

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

New York Ledger, Harper's Weekly, Bazaar and Magazine, Frank Leslie, Chimney Corner, Weekly, Girls and Boys Weekly, Gleason's Literary Companion, &c.

Godey's Peterson's, Atlantic, Arthur's, Galaxy and Mm'e Demorest's Magazines.

D. L. DUNNING,
No. 2 Town Hall.
Jan. 30—1y Middletown, Del.

CARRIAGES,

CARRIAGES, CARRIAGES.

J. M. COX & BRO.

MIDDLETOWN,

DELAWARE,

☞ MANUFACTURE ALL KINDS OF ☜

CARRIAGES.

ALL WORK FROM THIS ESTABLISHMENT WARRANTED

TO GIVE ENTIRE SATISFACTION.

Repairing promptly attended to,
March 13—6mos.

Cecil Democrat, and Whig, News and Transcript, Chestertown, Smyrna Times, and Centreville Observer copy 6 months and send bill and paper to advertiser.

RICHARD TOWNSEND & CO.

Commission Merchants

AND DEALERS IN

Peaches, Strawberries, Vegetables, &c.

369 & 370, Centre Av. Cor. Merchant's Row,

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R. Towsend, Del. J. Hilliard, F. McMulken, N. Y.

☞ Emties promptly returned, and letters written daily.
May 29—4mos.

ATTEND TO YOUR TEETH.

FEW persons are properly impressed with the importance of giving early attention to decaying teeth. The health is often affected by them, to say nothing of the inconvenience and suffering, which they produce. It is important to have all caries promptly arrested. If treated in time most teeth may be preserved.

Teeth Extracted Without Pain,

by the use of Nitrous Oxide Gas, a harmless and pleasant anesthetic.

J. J. VANDERFORD, D. D. S.
May 9-tf Middletown, Del.

ICE CREAM!!

Wholesale & Retail,

At J. B. DEAKYNE'S,
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

☞ Parties, Pic Nics, and Families, served at shortest notice.,
May 22—3mo.

BOWER'S COMPLETE MANURE,

MANUFACTURED BY

HENRY BOWER, CHEMIST,

PHILADELPHIA.

MADE FROM

Super-Phosphate of Lime, Ammonia and Potash,

WARRANTED FREE FROM ADULTERATION.

THIS Manure contains all the elements to produce large crops of all kinds, and is highly recommended by all who have used it, also by distinguished Chemists who have, by analysis, tested its qualities.

Packed in bags of 200 pounds each,

DIXON, SHARPLESS & CO.
AGENTS,
39 South Water and 40 South Delaware Avenue,
PHILADELPHIA.

For sale by WM. REYNOLDS,
79 South Street,
BALTIMORE, MD.

Also by JOHN A. REYNOLDS & SONS,
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

And by dealers generally throughout the country.

For information, address Henry Bower, Philadelphia.. Jan. 9, 1869—1y.

MIDDLETOWN HOTEL.

J. H. WALKER,

Proprietor.

HAVING succeeded Mr. L. R. Davis, in the proprietorship of this well known, long established, and popular establishment, the present proprietor will spare no pains to insure the comfort of his guests, and make his house, as heretofore, the favorite resort of the traveling public. A well filled larder, a well furnished table; comfortable and airy apartments; the choicest brands of Liquors, Cigars, and Tobacco; with a determination to render the fullest satisfaction, combined with attentive waiters, reliable hostlers, and moderate charges, will, he feels assured, secure to him a continuance of the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed upon the establishment.

Accommodation for Drovers and Dealers in Horses and Mules can always be secured. A liberal share of the public patronage is respectfully solicited: JOSEPH H. WALKER,
Oct. 17—1y Successor to L. R. Davis.

WM. N. BRICE,

WHOLESALE COMMISSION MERCHANT AND PRODUCE DEALER,

No. 18, Central Market, Delaware Avenue, above Race Street,

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

PARTICULAR attention paid to the sale of GRAIN and LIVE STOCK. All orders promptly attended to. Consignments respectfully solicited.

REFERENCES.

Hon. D. C. Blackiston, Kent Co, Md.
Franklin Dyre, Esq. " " "
W. A. Brice, Esq. " " "
Wm. Lockwood, Cecil Co. "
J. G. Griffith, " " "
F. T. Perry, Odessa, Del.
Harry Clayton, Middletown, "
Dec. 5, 1868—1y.

DR. J. J. VANDERFORD,

Graduate of the Pennsylvania College of

DENTAL SURGERY.

HAVING located in Middletown, Del. respectfully announces to the public that he is prepared to perform all operations pertaining to the practice of

DENTISTRY.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH Mounted on Dental Vulcanite, a material superior to metals in its adaptability and durability.

Persons having badly adjusted gold plates can have them exchanged for the Vulcanite.

Great care will be given to Children's Teeth; irregularities corrected, and deciduous teeth preserved until the permanent ones make their appearance.

☞ A superior Dentifrice constantly on hand. Office on the corner of Scott and Main streets, formerly occupied by D. L. Dunning.
April 10, 1869—1y

Middletown Furniture Warerooms.

JOSEPH H. ENOS

KEEPS constantly on hand an assortment of FURNITURE suitable to the market, consisting of

COTTAGE SUITS,

BEDSTEADS, CHAIRS, WASHSTANDS,

Parlor and Dining Room Furniture, &c.

ALSO

FURNISHING UNDERTAKER.

COFFINS of all kinds and styles; Metallic Gaskets; Patent Burial Cases to order. Jan. 4—tf

MANSION HOUSE HOTEL,

North West Corner Fayette & St. Paul Sts.

OPPOSITE BARNUM'S CITY HOTEL,

BALTIMORE.

Isaac Alberston..... Proprietor.

☞ This is one of the most pleasant and central locations in the city.
January 4, 1868—1y

☞ WHOOPING COUGH ☜

CURED BY

DELAWEAU'S CELEBRATED REMEDY.

☞ Price Fifty Cents.

Prepared at Sixth and Wood Sts. Philadelphia.

Ask your Druggist for it.
Mar. 6—1y

MIDDLETOWN IRON FOUNDRY

AND

MACHINE SHOP.

PLOWS and Plow Castings, Machine Castings of all kinds on hand or made to order.

Particular attention given to Repairing Machinery. Cash for old iron.

WM. L. BUCKE & SON,
April 4-tf Founders and Machinists.

NOTICE!

W. J. LANK, Auctioneer, has removed to New Castle, Del. Those desiring his services as Auctioneer, will please address him at that place, and their orders will meet with prompt attention.
April 3, 1869—tf

HORSE RAKES.

DON'T buy a worthless article, but go to EVANS' Agricultural Warehouse and get one of Stoner's Patent Horse Rakes, the best in the market.
June 26—tf

JOHN A. REYNOLDS,

NOTARY PUBLIC

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

May 1, 1869.

OLD NEWSPAPERS, a cheap and convenient Wrapping Paper, for sale at this office.

Select Poetry.

ON THE RIVER.

Sunrise on the River.
A distant city, fair to see;
A stately boat beneath our feet;
A carless word from you to me:
Sunrise in both our hearts as sweet
As sunrise on the River!

Sunset on the River.
A ruined fortress in our view,
Where Wrong hath overruled the Right;
An idle speech from me to you;
Sunlight in both our hearts, as bright
As sunset on the River!

Moonlight on the River.
And south winds blowing sweet and free,
Faint songs from torch-lit landings heard,
A whispered thought from you to me;
A light in both our hearts as weird
As moonlight on the River!

Music on the River.
The dance, with fair forms circling through,
Soft eye-lids steeped in mellow light,
A faltering phrase from me to you;
Music in both our hearts that night,
And music on the River!

Shadows on the River.
And deadly hurt, where love should be,
That bleeds and mocks, but makes no moan,
A bitter word from you to me;
Shadows through both our hearts are strown,
And shadows on the River!

Midnight on the River.
Strangely apart we keep—we two—
Which shall make answer for this work?
A cruel speech from me to you:
Midnight in both our hearts, as mirk
As midnight on the River.

A Full Hand.

Although the "flush times" have passed away on the Mississippi, they still have some queer times and rough customers on the river boats. On a recent trip of the "Highflyer," crowded with passengers, the clerk had allotted the last state room, and was about to close his office, when he was astonished by the apparition of a tall Missourian, who exclaimed:

"I say, stranger, I want one of them chambers."

"Sorry, sir," said the official blandly, "but our state-rooms are all taken."

"The deuce they are!" responded Missouri; "I've paid my fare, 'n I want wun of them chambers."

"Allow me to see your ticket," said the still polite clerk.

Putting his hand to the back of his neck, the passenger pulled out a ten-inch bowie-knife, and driving it quivering into the counter, said:

"I'm from Pike county, young feller, and thar's my ticket. I want wun of them chambers."

Before the steel had ceased to vibrate, the prompt clerk quietly thrust a loaded and capped six-shooter under Pike's nose and coolly answered:

"I've only got six 'chambers,' and you see *they are all full.*"

The Missourian edged out of "range," and putting up his "toothpick," ejaculated: "A full hand's good, by the hokies!" and strode off to seek such quarters as he could find.—*Commercial Bulletin.*

The tunnel under the Straits of Dover, it is announced, has been reported against by the commission of French and English engineers to whom the subject was referred. The construction of the tunnel through the gray chalk is reported to be feasible, but the cost would amount to $50,000,000 without taking into consideration unforseen difficulties. It is estimated that twenty thousand passengers a day, at a fare of $1 25, or an annual revenue of $9,125,000, would be required to pay the interest on the sum mentioned. It is not anticipated that so large a passenger traffic could be obtained, and unless the English and French governments would pay part of the expense it would be a hopeless task to attempt to raise the capital required.

MIDDLETOWN STOVE HOUSE.

S. W. ROBERTS,

TAKES pleasure in announcing to his friends of Middletown and surrounding country, that the liberal patronge he has received has induced him to offer to the public the greatest variety, and best selected stock of Stoves, both Cooking and Heating, ever offered in Middletown, and at prices that cannot fail to please. Among the assortment are the following

COOK STOVES.

NIAGARA, NOBLE COOK, MONITOR
CORAL COOK, WM. PENN, LEHIGH,
and others made in the city.

PARLOR STOVES.

BRILLIANT, DEW DROP,
GAS BURNING BASE, UNION AIR TIGHT
GEM, OUR PARLOR.
Also, SEXTON'S PARLOR HEATERS.

Stoves of all kinds suitable for Stores, Offices, Bar-rooms, and School Houses.

Also, the Morning Glory and the Oriental, both unsurpassed in beauty and efficiency. They can be seen in operation at the store of the proprietor.

All sizes of Bar-room Stoves and Ten-plate Stoves repaired at short notice.

Old Stoves taken in exchange.

TIN WARE at wholesale and retail.

As I have practical workmen employed, I think I can give satisfaction to all who favor me with their work. Particular attention paid to Roofing and Spouting.

S. W. ROBERTS.

Middletown, January 4, 1868—1y

WINE AND LIQUOR STORE, Middletown, Delaware.

THE undersigned takes this method of notifying the Public that he has opened a

WINE AND LIQUOR STORE

In Middletown, Del. on Wood street, opposite the Depot, where he has on hand a large and varied assortment of Wines and Liquors, in bottles and casks, which he offers on advantageous terms to purchasers at wholesale or retail.

Also, a fine stock of choice TOBACCO AND CIGARS. THOMAS MURRAY.

LIVERY STABLE.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES for hire at the Stables of Thomas Murray, on Scott street. The horses are safe, and careful drivers will be provided when desired. Terms moderate. Apply to THOS. MURRAY.

Jan. 2.—y. At his Store on Wood St.

Del. Gazette, and Journal and Statesman copy one year and send bill to advertiser.

FOR SALE.

WHITE OAK SLIP PEACH BASKETS, of Fine Quality. Also, CLAYTON TUBS, and LAUREL CRATES, at moderate prices. Call and examine. A. T. BRADLEY.

June 26—2mos Middletown, Del.

Delaware Rail Road Lnie

Summer Arrangement.

ON and after MONDAY, July 12th, 1868, Passenger Trains will run as follows, until further notice:

ALL TRAINS SUNDAYS EXCEPTED.

NORTH.

Leave Crisfield,		7 00 A. M.
" Marion,		7 40
" Kingston,		8 05
" Westover,		8 30
" Prin. Anne,		9 10
" Eden		9 40
" Forktown		10 00
" Salisbury		10 30
" Delmar		10 45
" Laurel		11 05
" Seaford		11 30
" Bridgeville		11 50
" Greenwood		12 00 M.
" Farmington		12 15 P. M.
" Harrington	7 00 A. M.	12 35
" Felton	7 15	12 50
" Plymouth	7 20	1 00
" Canterbury	7 20	1 00
" Wil. Grove	7 25	1 05
" Camden	7 35	1 15
" Dover	7 50	1 30
" Moorton	8 05	1 45
" Brenford	8 10	1 55
" Smyrna	8 05	1 50
" Clayton	8 20	2 05
" Sassafras R'd	8 25	2 10
" Blackbird	8 35	2 20
" Townsend	8 40	2 30
" Middleto'n	9 00	2 45
" Mt Pleasant	9 10	2 55
" St Georges	9 25	3 10
" Bear	9 35	3 25
" New Castle	9 55	3 45
Arrive Wilm.	10 15	4 05
" Philad'a	11 45 A. M.	5 40 P.M.
" Baltimore	1 15 P. M.	8 10 "

SOUTH.

Leave Philad'a	8 30 A. M.	5 00 P. M.
" Baltimore	7 25	2 25
" Wilm	10 10	6 25
" New Castle	10 30	6 45
" Bear	10 50	7 00
" St Georges	11 00	7 15
" Mt Pleasant	11 15	7 30
" Middletown,	11 35	7 50
" Townsend	11 45	8 00
" Blackbird	11 50	8 05
" Sassafras	12 00 M.	8 15
" Clayton	12 05 P. M.	8 20
Arrive Smyrna	12 15	8 30
Leave Brenford	12 10	8 25
" Moorton	12 20	8 35
" Dover	12 40	8 55
" Camden	12 50	9 05
" Wil. Grove	1 05	9 15
" Canterbury	1 10	9 20
" Plymouth	1 10	9 20
" Felton	1 20	9 30
" Harrington	1 40	9 45 P. M.
" Farmington	1 55	
" Greenwood	2 05	
" Bridgeville	2 15	
" Seaford	2 35	
" Laurel	2 55	
" Delmar	3 10	
" Salisbury	3 45	
" Forktown	4 10	
" Eden	4 30	
" Prin. Anne	5 15	
" Westover	5 40	
" Kingston	6 00	
" Marion	6 20	
Arrive Crisfield	6 45 P. M.	

Freight Train with Passenger Car attached, will leave Stations named at the following Changed Hours, (subject to delays incident to freight business,) viz:—Going South, leave Wilmington about 3 00 A. M.; New Castle, 4 00; Middletown, 6 00; Clayton, 7 15; Dover, 8 50; Camden, 9 10; Felton, 10 05; and be due at Harrington 10 30 A. M.

Going North, leave Harrington about 3 20 P. M. Felton, 4 00 Camden, 5 05, Dover, 5 45, Moorton, 6 10, Clayton, 7 00, Middletown, 8 45, New Castle, 10 30, and be due at Wilmington, about 11 00 P. M. This train will stop to take up Passengers only at Stations named, but will set down Passengers at any regular stopping place between Harrington and Wilmington, *Except* Hare's Corner, State Road, Del. Junction and Dupont.

NEW CASTLE TRAINS.—Leave New Castle for Wilmington and Philadelphia at 7 40 A. M.—Leave Philadelphia 11 45 A. M., and Wilmington 1 00 P. M. for New Castle.

SMYRNA BRANCH TRAINS.—Additional to those above leave Smyrna for Clayton 11 45 A. M. and 8 10 P. M. Leave Clayton for Smyrna, 8 40 A. M. and 2.10 P. M. to make connection with trains to and from Dover, and Stations South.

Steamboat Trains heretofore run are withdrawn. A Boat will, however, leave Crisfield for Norfolk, in connection with Local Train, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Evenings.

E. Q. SEWALL,
April 18. Superintendent Delaware R. R.

WILMINGTON Commission House.

J. L. HOUSTON,

PROPRIETOR of the Wilmington Tea House, has also opened a COMMISSION HOUSE, adjoining, for the sale of

Cereals, Fruits. all kinds of Berries,

Peaches, Apples, Pears,

NEW POTATOES, POULTRY, EGGS, GRAIN,

And all the productions of our Farmers, Gardeners, and Nurserymen, and flatters himself that he can furnish a market for these nearer home and more advantageous than can be had in more distant cities, saving double freightage and two or three commissions to producers, traders and consumers, and a Reliable House, Quick Sales, and Sure Returns.

His House is said to be most eligible, ample accommodations, airy, and finely adapted to the sale of Home Productions, and the preservation of perishable fruits.

As the Peach World will be pressing, and the sale immense, it may be well that those who wish the services of this House should make previous engagements, as engagements will be many; and it is desired, so that they may be prepared for the market; and they will not sell the inferior productions without the good and the best.

Address J. L. HOUSTON,
Commission House,
428 Market st. cor. of 5th, Wilmington, Del.

June 19—y

READ, READ, READ.

THE undersigned, thankful for past favors, calls the attention of the Farmers to the following. Intending to devote his whole attention to the

GRAIN BUSINESS,

Will pay, on order of Messrs. William Lea & Sons, at Brandywine Mills, or Elihu Jefferson, New Castle, Del. the highest price for all Grain delivered on Del. R. R. or Del. waters, the parties themselves being responsible for the payment for all grain bought on their account.

Will fill all orders for RAMBO'S and WHITE'S LIME with promptness. Also, will pay particular attention to shipping grain for farmers on their own account, making prompt return of sales, and collecting the money for them.

Will fill all orders for the following Fertilizers:

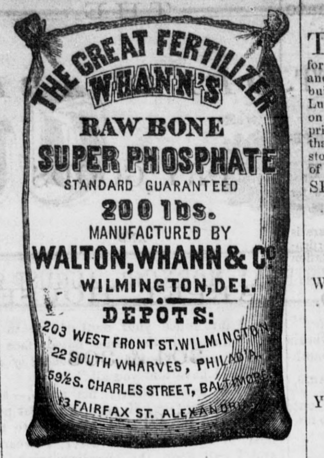
Moro Philips' Super-Phosphate,
RHODES' SUPER-PHOSPHATE,
BAUGHS' RAW BONE SUPER-PHOSPHATE,
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PACIFIC & PERUVIAN GUANOS.

Also will furnish Clover and Timothy Seed at the shortest notice.

Can give the best references as to ability.

A. T. BRADLEY,

July 3—1y Middletown, Del.



PROMPT,
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RELIABLE,

A Great Crop Producer and Thorough Renovator of worn out lands.

For Sale by **E. T. EVANS,**
Middletown, Del.

Middletown, Del. Feb. 28, 1868.

MESSRS. WALTON, WHANN & Co.—*Gentlemen*: I used Whann's Raw Bone Super-Phosphate on my corn last spring, and on my wheat in the fall. In each case it produced an excellent crop. Wishing to determine which of the different phosphates would pay me best, I tried several, and am glad to say the yield was much the best where I used Whann's. I shall continue to use it, and cheerfully recommend it to my neighbors.

A. T. STOOPS.

Middletown, Del. March 17, 1868.

MESSRS. WALTON, WHANN & Co.—*Gentlemen*: I have been using Whann's Phosphate for some time past alongside of the popular fertilizers, and have come to the conclusion it is as good as any other. I am going to use ten tons this spring.

Yours truly, HENRY CLAYTON.

March 27—1y

A CARD.

DOCTOR AUGUSTUS SCHUBERT, the Homœopathic Physician, has moved to Middletown, and has taken his residence on Lake St.

Office opposite the Peninsular Machine Works, lately occupied by Dr. Vanderford, Dentist. Office hours between 8 and 11 o'clock, A. M. and 2 and 5 o'clock, P. M. At any other time he may be seen at his residence.

REFERENCES:—Mrs. Dr. Duvall, daughter of Chief Justice Booth, of Delaware, Georgetown, D. C. Dr. George W. Malin, Germantown, Pa. Rev. Mr. Perinchief, Germantown, Pa. Mrs. Balch, New Castle, Del. and many others.

June 26—t sep. 6

WANTED.

A WHITE GIRL who understands Cooking and general House-Work. Apply to SAMUEL R. STEPHENS,

July 10, 1869—tf Middletown, Del.

SLOW HORSES made fast and fast horses made faster. Simple, practical instructions for improving speed and style, and other valuable information for horse owners, in No. 19 of HARNEY'S JOURNAL, only FIVE cts. For Sale by JAMES WINE, Tobacconist and Newsdealer, Middletown Delaware. Has exposures of humbugs.

June 12—3mos.

$10 A DAY. Address,
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June 12—3mos.

SEND ONE DOLLAR and get by return mail one of LORING'S DOLLAR BOXES, of the richest Initialed French Note Paper. All the Ladies are in love with them. Address,
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June 12—3mos.

THE MAGIC COMB—Teeth are Coated with solid dye. You wet your hair and use the comb, and it produces a permanent black or brown. One comb sent by mail for $1 25.

Address, WM. PATTON, Springfield, Mass.

June 12—3mos.

THE MISSISSQUOI POWDER ACTUALLY cures Cancer and Scrofulous Diseases of the Skin. See report to L. I. Medical Society. Statements of Physicians in circular sent free on application to CHAS. A. DUBOIS, 182 Pearl St. New York City. Box 1659.

June 12—3mos.

$1000 TO $2000 PER YEAR Sure, and no Risk. Agents wanted, commission or salary, in every part of the U. S. and Canadas, to sell our celebrated *Patent White Wire Clothes-Line*, warranted to last a life-time and never rust. For full particulars address the AMERICAN WIRE Co. 75 William st. N. Y., or 16 Dearbon st. Chicago.

P. S.—"Every household should have one."—N. Y. Tribune. "All they purport to be; never wears out."—N. Y. Independent. "They give entire satisfaction."—N. Y. Christian Advocate.

June 12—3mos.

SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHS. Attested in my trial and acknowledged by all who have sat for their pictures *the Great Phenomena of the age.* Four of the principal pictures of prominent parties who testified in court as to their genuiness, will be sent post paid on receipt of One dollar. Also a full report of my trial. Illustrated with wood cuts. 200 pages 50 cents. Address WM. H. HUMLER, 82 Nassau St. N. Y.

June 12—3mos.

MAXIMS FOR BUSINESS MEN. When a business man reaches the point where he thinks that he cannot spare any time to examine sources of financial and commercial information, he may safely conclude that his business is *not well managed.*

When a business man finds himself in a financial situation so embarrissing that he *cannot afford* to possess every publication that would throw MORE LIGHT *upon his business transactions, he should not delay an hour, but arrange at once with an auctioneer to close out his stock to the highest bidder.*

The above manims are taken from the columns of the N. Y. Mercantile Journal which is the *best* as well as one of the *largest* mercantile newspapers published in the United States. Its market reviews and carefully revised list of jobber's prices, embracing almost every quotable article of merchandise, together with its judicious editorials, fill more than thirty-five (35) columns every week. The subscription price is only $5 00 per year, (less than 10 cents per week, and less than 1½ cents per day.) Parties desiring to possess themselves of this valuable publication, should address THE N. Y. MERCANTILE JOURNAL Co., 300 Pearl Street, New York City.

June 12—3mos.

LISTEN TO THE MOCKING BIRD. The Prairie Whistle and Animal Imitator can be used by a child. It is made to imitate the songs of every bird, the neigh of a horse, the bray of an ass, the grunt of a hog; birds, beasts, and snakes are enchanted and entrapped by it. Is used by Dan Bryant, Charley White, and all the Minstrels and Warblers. Ventriloquism can be learned in three days by its aid. Sent anywhere upon receipt of 25 cts. three for 50 cts; $1 25 per dozen.

W. T. VALENTINE, JERSEY CITY, New Jersey.

June 12—3mos.

LUMBER. LUMBER.

THE subscribers offer to the citizens of Middletown and surrounding country their thanks for the very liberal patronage they have received and embrace this medium in announcing to all builders and contractors and those in want o Lumber, that they are prepared to supply them on the most liberal terms. We have reduced our price, as the market has demanded, and we think that they will compare with the city prices. Our stock is very large, embracing a full assortment of

SPRUCE,
HEMLOCK,
AND OAK FRAMING STUFF,
ALL SIZES.
WHITE PINE BOARDS,
HEMLOCK "
OAK PLANK,
WHITE PINE DO.
WHITE PINE SIDING.
YELLOW PINE FLOORING,
HEMLOCK "
PLASTERING LATHES.
SPRUCE AND CYPRESS SHINGLES
PLAIN AND FANCY PICKETING.
SASH, DOORS AND BLINDS.
Building Hardware,
NAILS AND SPECIALITIES.
BRICKS,
CALCINE PLASTER, LIME & HAIR
HEWES' PHOSPHATE.
PAINTS, OIL, TURPENTINE,
VARNISH, DRY JAPAN, GLASS.

J. B. FENIMORE & CO.,

On the Railroad, above the National Hotel.

January 25—tf

628 HOOP SKIRTS. 628
AND
CORSETS, CORSETS.

WM. T. HOPKINS,
No. 628 Arch Street, Phila.

MANUFACTURER OF THE

Celebrated "Champion" Hoop Skirts

FOR LADIES, MISSES AND CHILDREN.

The largest assortment, and best quality and styles in the *American Market*. Every lady should try them, as they *recommend themselves* by wearing longer, retaining their shape much better, being lighter and more *elastic* than all others—Warranted *in every respect*, and sold at very low peices. Ask for HOPKINS' "CHAMPION" SKIRT.

Superior Hand-made Whale-Bone Corsets in Fifteen different Grades, including the "Imperial" and THOMPSON & LANGDON'S "Glove Fitting" Corsets, ranging in prices from 81 Cents to $5.50; together with JOSEPH BECKEL'S Celebrated French Woven Corsets, superior shapes and quality, Ten different Grades, from $1.10 to $5.50. They are the finest and best goods for the prices, ever imported. The Trade supplied with Hoop Skirts and Corsets *at the Lowest Rates.*

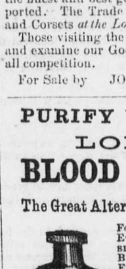
Those visiting the City should not fail to call and examine our Goods and Prices, as we defy all competition. Sept. 19, 1868.

For Sale by JOHN A. REYNOLDS & SON.

PURIFY YOUR BLOOD!

LONDON BLOOD PANACEA.

The Great Alterative and Blood Purifier.



For the cure of SCROFULA OR KING'S EVIL, CUTANEOUS DISEASES, ERYSIPELAS, BOILS, PIMPLES, and BLOTCHES on the FACE, SORE EYES, YELLOW JAUNDICE, WHITE SWELLINGS, MERCURIAL DISEASES, GENERAL DEBILITY, PALPITATION and FLUTTERING at the HEART, CONSUMPTION, ASTHMA, SYPHILIS and SYPHILITIC AFFECTIONS, BLADDER and KIDNEY DISEASES, GRAVEL, DROPSY, DYSPEPSIA, LIVER COMPLAINT, SICK HEADACHE, FEMALE COMPLAINTS, &c. To the broken down female it gives life and energy by restoring the lost powers of nature. Persons all weakness and lassitude, by using the PANACEA are soon restored to perfect health, bloom and vigor. Try it.

Price $1.00 Per Bottle.

S. A. FOUTZ,

Manufacturer and Proprietor,
BALTIMORE, MD.

For sale by druggists and storekeepers throughout the United States.

For sale by **W. H. Barr,**
Middletown, Del.

May 8—1y

WHAT'S THIS? WHAT'S THIS?
Why, a Cigar and Tobacco Store!!

THE undersigned begs leave to inform the citizens of Middletown, Odessa, and vicinities, that he has opened a

CIGAR AND TOBACCO STORE,

On Main Street, near the Middletown Hotel,

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE,

Where he will keep constantly on hand a superior Brand of Cigars and Tobacco that cannot be surpassed.

Smokers and Chewers are respectfully invited to call in and try our selections. You may easily know the place by the sign of Pat Malloy, or the Irish Boy, Jemmy. JAMES WINE,

May 15—3mos. Middletown, Del

ENGEL, ROTHERMEL & CO.
SHIPPERS AND DEALERS IN
COAL

Schuylkill Navigation Wharves, Windmill Island, Delaware River, opposite Lombard Street,

PHILADELPHIA.

OFFICES, 108 Walnut St. 308 S. Del. Avenue.

COAL supplied in vessels, in large or small quantities, or lots to suit purchasers.

April 10, 1869—9m

WEDDING RINGS.

No. 35½ SOUTH EIGHTH STREET,

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

March 6—tf

HANGING BASKETS, Earthen and Wire, For Sale at ROTHWELL'S New Store,

May 29 Main street, Middletown, Del.

ODESSA NURSERIES.

THE Proprietors offer for Sale, for Fall planting of 1868 or Spring of 1869,

70,000 Peach Trees

of the leading

Market and Family Varieties.

200,000 SMALL FRUIT PLANTS

consisting of the following varieties:

STRAWBERRIES,
RASPBERRIES,
BLACKBERRIES,
GOOSEBERRIES,
CURRANTS, AND GRAPE VINES.
ASPARAGUS ROOTS.

300,000 OSAGE ORANGE QUICKS.

One and Two Years Old.

ALSO

EARLY ROSE, HARRISON, AND EARLY GOODRICH POTATOES.

Apply to POLK & HYATT,
Sept. 26, 1868. Or to WM. B. CROFT.
Odessa, Del.

SEE LOW PRICES OF

CHINA & GLASSWARE.

China Tea Sets, 44 pieces	$6 50
China Cups and Saucers, 24 pieces	2 25
China Tea Plates, per dozen	1 35
White Stone Toilet Sets, 11 pieces	3 50
Water Goblets, per dozen	2 00
White Parisian China Dinner Sets, 133 pieces, beautiful shapes	29 00

All our other Goods marked down equally low.

Cutlery, Silver-Plated Ware, Tea Trays, &c.

WASHINGTON HADLEY'S

ONLY STORE,

Middle of the Cooper Institute Block,

Store running through from 3rd to 4th Avenue between 7th & 8th Sts. one block from Broadway. New York.

Especial pains taken in selecting and packing goods for the country. In addition to the above list of goods, we have always on hand, at low prices, Decorated Dinner, Tea, and Toilette Sets, Cologne Sets, Smoking Sets, &c.

June 26—3mos

MIDDLETOWN ACADEMY.

A First Class Boarding and DAY SCHOOL,

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF

WARREN I. HICKS, A. B. } PRINCIPALS,
HUDSON A. WOOD, A. B. }

assisted by

Mrs. GENIE H. HICKS and Mrs. MARY WOOD.

FALL Term begins September 13th, and ends December 24th.

WINTER Term begins January 4th and ends March 26th.

SPRING Term begins April 5th and ends June 25th.

Tuition per Quarter of 12 weeks, payable at the middle of each Term:

Small Scholars in First Lessons	$ 5 00.
Primary Department	8 00.
Academical Department	11 00.
Classical Department	15 00.
Instrumental Music	12 00.
Vocal Music	2 00.
Use of Piano	2 00.
German and French (each extra)	2 00.
Tuition per annum, including board, wood, lights, and washing	220 00.
The same per Term	75 00.

Students charged from the time of entering.

For further particulars address the Principals for Circular, Middletown, Del. Oct. 3—tf

DRAIN TILE.

WITH Improved Machinery and New Dies, we are now prepared to furnish at the shortest notice.

DRAIN TILE,

(Round with Collars and Egg-shaped with sole) from Two to Seven Inches Calibre, superior to any in the market. Also

BRANCH JOINTS Y SHAPED & SILT BASINS,

As recommended by "Waring" in his Work on Underdraining. We also manufacture

Bricks and Earthenware,

Liberal discount made to Dealers.

Please address for price, &c.

ALVAN ALLEN. } ALLEN & BELL,
W. M. BELL. } Smyrna, Delaware.

May 15—1y.

AMERICAN & SWISS WATCHES.

M. E. DICKSON,

No. 35½ SOUTH EIGHTH STREET,

PHILADELPHIA,

ASKS attention to his fine selected stock of

WATCHES AND JEWELRY,

Of the latest Styles and the best Factory make.

Silver Ware.

Sterling Silver Spoons, Forks, and Butter Knives, which will be sold at a very small advance.

Particular attention paid to repairing Fine Watches and Jewelry.

March 6—tf

THOMAS MASSEY, JR.

CLOCK AND WATCH MAKER,

Main Street, nearly opposite Walker's Hotel,

Middletown, Delaware

CLOCKS, Watches, Jewelry, &c. neatly and promptly repared.

Always on hand and for sale, Clocks, Watches, Plated Ware, Forks, Spoons, Silver Napkin Rings, Silver Thimbles, Salt, Sugar and Tea Spoons, Butter Knives, Gold Breast-Pins, Ear-Rings, Finger-Rings, Sleeve Buttons, Watch Chains, Watch Keys, Key Rings, Steel Watch Chains, &c.

Dec. 12—tf.

HENRY HARPER,

520 ARCH STREET,

PHILADELPHIA,

HAS a large stock at low prices, of fine

WATCHES, JEWELRY, SOLID SILVERWARE

AND

PLATED SPOONS, CASTORS, TEA SETS, &c.

May 1—3m.

NOTICE:

ALL persons are forbid trespassing upon the property of the undersigned from this date, July 17th, 1869, until the 10th of October next, I have already experienced a loss of fruit too green to be of use to any one—the work of malicious persons—hence all peaceful citizens will see the necessity from which I act, and I hope keep within the law. WM. GREEN.

Middletown, July 17—tf

LOOK AT THIS. LOOK AT THIS.

S. R. STEPHENS & Co's.

NEW WHOLESALE & RETAIL STORE.

GOODS at PHILADELPHIA PRICES.

HAVING Just returned from the city with a large and splendid assortment of

SPRING GOODS,

FROM AUCTION AND FIRST HANDS,

BOUGPT AT THE LOWEST CASH PRICES

Comprising in part a large stock of

CARPETS,
CLOTHS, CASSIMERES,
DRESS GOODS, NOTIONS,
CLOTHING, &c.

Also

CANNED FRUITS, PICKLES,

And all Goods usually kept in a First Class Country Store, which we are prepared to sell very low for Cash, or Country Produce.

Buyers would do well to give us a call.

SAML. R. STEPHENS & Co.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

April 10—1y

BOOK, STATIONERY, AND VARIETY STORE.

SCHOOL BOOKS and Miscellaneous Works, Bibles, Prayer Books and Hymn Books, Blank Books, in various styles and binding; Tuck, Memorandum and Pass Books.

STATIONERY.

Writing, Letter, and Note Paper,
Envelopes, in variety;
Mourning Paper and Envelopes to match.

FANCY ARTICLES.

Photograph Albums, Work Boxes, Fancy Boxes, Writing Desks, Ladies' Satchels, Pocket Books, Port Folios, Purses, Port Monaies, Segar Cases, Picture Frames, Tassel and Cords, Looking Glasses,

BACK GAMMON BOARDS, CHESS AND CHECKER MEN, GAMES of all KINDS.

Rubber Pencils and Penholders,
Writing Fluid and Ink Stands,
Pocket Cutlery, Roger's Scissors, &c.
Sleeve Buttons, Studs, Breast Pins, Finger Rings,
Spectacles,
Violin Strings,
Combs, Brushes, Nail and Tooth Brushes,
Gum Bands, Watch Keys, Key Rings,
and Puff Boxes.

A fine assortment of Colgate & Co's. Soap.

PHALON'S NIGHT BLOOMING CEREUS,

Wright's and Taylor's Superior Extracts,

Pomades, Hair Oils,

And Dental Soap of the First Quality.

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.

Neck Ties of various styles, Bismarck Collars, Gloves, Hose, Handkerchiefs, Cuffs, Wristlets.

Segars, Tobacco Pipes, Meerschaums, and Tobacco Pouches.

Lamps, Lamp Chimneys, Wicks and Coal Oil.

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

New York Ledger, Harper's Weekly, Bazaar and Magazine, Frank Leslie, Chimney Corner, Weekly, Girls and Boys Weekly, Gleason's Literary Companion, &c.

Godey's Peterson's, Atlantic, Arthur's, Galaxy and Mm'e Demorest's Magazines.

D. L. DUNNING,
No. 2 Town Hall.
Jan. 30—1y Middletown, Del.

CARRIAGES,
CARRIAGES, CARRIAGES.

J. M. COX & BRO.

MIDDLETOWN,

DELAWARE,

MANUFACTURE ALL KINDS OF

CARRIAGES.

ALL WORK FROM THIS ESTABLISHMENT

WARRANTED

TO GIVE ENTIRE SATISFACTION.

Repairing promptly attended to,

March 13—6mos.

Cecil Democrat, and Whig, News and Transcript, Chestertown, Smyrna Times, and Centreville Observer copy 6 months and send bill and paper to advertiser.

RICHARD TOWNSEND & CO.
Commission Merchants

AND DEALERS IN

Peaches, Strawberries, Vegetables, &c.

369 & 370, Centre Av. Cor. Merchant's Row,

West Washington Market, N. Y.

R. Towsend, Del. J. Hilliard, F. McMulken, N. Y.

Emties promptly returned, and letters written daily.

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ATTEND TO YOUR TEETH.

FEW persons are properly impressed with the importance of giving early attention to decaying teeth. The health is often affected by them, to say nothing of the inconvenience and suffering, which they produce. It is important to have all caries promptly arrested. If treated in time most teeth may be preserved.

Teeth Extracted Without Pain,

by the use of Nitrous Oxide Gas, a harmless and pleasant anesthetic.

J. J. VANDERFORD, D. D. S.

May 9-tf Middletown, Del.

ICE CREAM!!

Wholesale & Retail,

At J. B. DEAKYNE'S,

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

Parties, Pic Nics, and Families, served at shortest notice.

May 22—3mo.

BOWER'S COMPLETE MANURE,

MANUFACTURED BY

HENRY BOWER, CHEMIST,

PHILADELPHIA.

MADE FROM

Super-Phosphate of Lime, Ammonia and Potash,

WARRANTED FREE FROM ADULTERATION.

THIS Manure contains all the elements to produce large crops of all kinds, and is highly recommended by all who have used it, also by distinguished Chemists who have, by analysis, tested its qualities.

Packed in bags of 200 pounds each,

DIXON, SHARPLESS & CO.

AGENTS,

39 South Water and 40 South Delaware Avenue,

PHILADELPHIA.

For sale by WM. REYNOLDS,
79 South Street,
BALTIMORE, MD.

Also by JOHN A. REYNOLDS & SONS,
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

And by dealers generally throughout the country.

For information, address Henry Bower, Philadelphia. Jan. 9, 1869—1y.

MIDDLETOWN HOTEL.
J. H. WALKER,

Proprietor.

HAVING succeeded Mr. L. R. Davis, in the proprietorship of this well known, long established, and popular establishment, the present proprietor will spare no pains to insure the comfort of his guests, and make his house, as heretofore, the favorite resort of the traveling public. A well filled larder, a well furnished table; comfortable and airy apartments; the choicest brands of Liquors, Cigars, and Tobacco; with a determination to render the fullest satisfaction, combined with attentive waiters, reliable hostlers, and moderate charges, will, he feels assured, secure to him a continuance of the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed upon the establishment.

Accommodation for Drovers and Dealers in Horses and Mules can always be secured. A liberal share of the public patronage is respectfully solicited. JOSEPH H. WALKER,

Oct. 17—1y Successor to L. R. Davis.

WM. N. BRICE,

WHOLESALE COMMISSION MERCHANT AND PRODUCE DEALER,

No. 18, Central Market, Delaware Avenue, above Race Street.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

PARTICULAR attention paid to the sale of GRAIN and LIVE STOCK. All orders promptly attended to. Consignments respectfully solicited.

REFERENCES.

Hon. D. C. Blackiston, Kent Co, Md.
Franklin Dyre, Esq. " " "
W. A. Brice, Esq. " " "
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J. C. Griffith, " " "
F. T. Perry, Odessa, Del.
Harry Clayton, Middletown, "

Dec. 5, 1868—1y

DR. J. J. VANDERFORD,

Graduate of the Pennsylvania College of DENTAL SURGERY,

HAVING located in Middletown, Del. respectfully announces to the public that he is prepared to perform all operations pertaining to the practice of

DENTISTRY.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH Mounted on Dental Vulcanite, a material superior to metals in its adaptability and durability.

Persons having badly adjusted gold plates can have them exchanged for the Vulcanite.

Great care will be given to Children's Teeth; irregularties corrected, and deciduous teeth preserved until the permanent ones make their appearance.

A superior Dentifrice constantly on hand Office on the corner of Scott and Main streets, formerly occupied by D. L. Dunning.

April 10, 1869—1y.

Middletown Furniture Warerooms.

JOSEPH H. ENOS

KEEPS constantly on hand an assortment of FURNITURE suitable to the market, consisting of

COTTAGE SUITS,

BEDSTEADS, CHAIRS, WASHSTANDS,

Parlor and Dining Room Furniture, &c.

ALSO

FURNISHING UNDERTAKER.

COFFINS of all kinds and styles; Metallic Caskets; Patent Burial Cases to order. Jan. 4—tf

MANSION HOUSE HOTEL,

North West Corner Fayette & St. Paul Sts.

OPPOSITE BARNUM'S CITY HOTEL,

BALTIMORE.

Isaac Alberston ..... Proprietor.

This is one of the most pleasant and central locations in the city.

January 4, 1868—1y

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DELAVEAU'S CELEBRATED REMEDY.

Price Fifty Cents.

Prepared at Sixth and Wood Sts. Philadelphia.

Ask your Druggist for it.

Mar. 6—1y

MIDDLETOWN IRON FOUNDRY
AND
MACHINE SHOP.

PLOWS and Plow Castings, Machine Castings of all kinds on hand or made to order.

Particular attention given to Repairing Machinery. Cash for old Iron.

WM. L. BUCKE & SON,
April 4-tf Founders and Machinists.

NOTICE!

W. J. LANK, Auctioneer, has removed to New Castle, Del. Those desiring his services as Auctioneer, will please address him at that place, and their orders will meet with prompt attention.

April 3, 1869—tf

HORSE RAKES.

DON'T buy a worthless article, but go to EVANS' Agricultural Warehouse and get one of Stoner's Patent Horse Rakes, the best in he market,

June 26—tf

JOHN A. REYNOLDS,

NOTARY PUBLIC

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

May 1, 1869.

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